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CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

THE INSTALLATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED
AND SIXTH ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

**SARAH ELISABETH
MULLALLY**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

25 MARCH 2026, 3.00 PM

Music will be played before the service from the following programme.

Stephanie Gaunt, Organ Scholar, plays

Johann Sebastian Bach, *Fugue in c*, BWV 537

Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, plays

Johann Sebastian Bach, *Passacaglia in c*, BWV 582

Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, *Sonata no 3 in A*

César Franck, *Chorale no 3 in a*

César Franck, *Pièce Héroïque*

Johann Sebastian Bach, *Fugue in e*, BWV 548

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**THE MOST REVEREND AND RIGHT HONOURABLE
DAME SARAH MULLALLY DBE
106TH ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**



Born in Woking in 1962, with two sisters and one brother. Sarah attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College and then was educated at South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London. She became a Christian at the age of 16.

Before being ordained, Sarah worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as ‘an opportunity to reflect the love of God’. In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed the Government’s Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health and was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, a call was discerned to ordination with training for ministry following at the South East Institute for Theological Education. Ordination followed in 2001, initially serving as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004, which she has described at the time as ‘the biggest decision I have ever made’.

In 2012, she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter, the fourth woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England. On 12th May 2018 Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul’s Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role.

Sarah was elected as the 106th Archbishop by the College of Canons of Canterbury Cathedral on 25th November 2025 and her election was confirmed on 28th January 2026 in St Paul’s Cathedral, London.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Welcome to all of you from our Chapter and from our staff, our volunteers and this community of faith.

This holy place became established following the arrival of Augustine from Rome in 597 as a missionary to the ‘Angles’. The historian Bede tells us that

Augustine, strengthened by the encouragement of St. Gregory, in company with the servants of Christ, returned to the work of preaching the word, and came to Britain. At that time Æthelberht, king of Kent, was a very powerful monarch ... he gave them a dwelling in the city of Canterbury, which was the chief city of all his dominions; and, in accordance with his promise, he granted them provisions and did not refuse them freedom to preach ... They were constantly engaged in prayers, in vigils and fasts; they preached the word of life to as many as they could; they despised all worldly things as foreign to them; they accepted only the necessaries of life from those whom they taught; in all things they practised what they preached and kept themselves prepared to endure adversities, even to the point of dying for the truths they proclaimed.

Extracts from *Bede’s Ecclesiastical History*
Book 1, Ch 25-26 (Oxford: OUP, 1969)

The Cathedral serves the Diocese of Canterbury, encompassing East Kent which includes prosperous villages, growing communities of new housing and vibrant market towns. There are ex-industrial and mining communities and there is a necklace of coastal and island communities marked by deprivation. The port of Dover is significant for commerce, travel and the place where desperate vulnerable people try to come ashore in hope of sanctuary. As climate changes, grapes producing sparkling wine are replacing apples and cherries.

The Diocese, led by the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury, seeks to double the number of children and young people in the church, alongside establishing up to 200 new worshipping communities whilst seeking signs of revitalization in every parish, benefice and deanery.

The Cathedral, dedicated to Christ, is inspired by Jesus the Good Shepherd. This includes developing faith and spirituality, championing arts and outreach programmes, addressing Carbon Zero, improving accessibility, widening access (such as offering free entry to refugees and those living on Universal Credit) and seeking to become once again England's premier site of Christian pilgrimage.

Today's service includes a Mandate from His Majesty King Charles III giving instruction to install the new Archbishop. She will be installed first as Archbishop of Canterbury in the *Cathedra* in the Quire by the Archdeacon of Canterbury. The Dean will then install her in the ancient Chair of St Augustine, in which Archbishops have been installed for many centuries, symbolising her wider ministry, including as 'primus inter pares' of the bishops of the Anglican Communion.

The cope and mitre worn by the archbishop were commissioned when she was first consecrated. The morse is decorated by the buckle from her belt worn as a nurse serving in the National Health Service.

The crosier presented as part of the installation was used by Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, the last Bishop of London to become Archbishop of Canterbury. He received this in 1961 as a gift from the thirty-three bishops and metropolitans of the then Anglican Communion.

Archbishop Sarah wears the pastoral ring given to Archbishop Michael Ramsey in Rome by Pope Paul VI on 24th March 1966. This signalled the growing friendship between Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches.

Because of its resonance with the Cathedral's Benedictine past, and the powerful messages of its imagery which speak to the modern age, *The Saint John's Bible* has been chosen for the Archbishop's Corporal Oath in the Nave. This is instead of the late 6th century *St Augustine Gospels*, which were used in installations between 1945 and 2013, because of the vulnerability of that manuscript. *The Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition* which was gifted in 2023 to this Cathedral. The original is believed to be the first-hand illuminated bible made by Benedictines for over 500 years.

The icons placed at the high altar depict the Virgin and Child and Christ as the Way as he holds the gospel of John open at the words 'Je suis le chemin' (I am the way). They were written by Brother Raphael from the Benedictine Community in Bec, Normandy. The Abbey of Bec provided several former Archbishops of Canterbury, including Lanfranc and Anselm. The Cathedral still has a close relationship with the sisters and brothers of Bec.

The music for the service led by the Cathedral Choir made up of boy and girl choristers, who attend local schools, alongside male and female Choral Scholars and Lay Clerks under the leadership of Dr David Newsholme and Mr Jamie Rogers. The choral music includes a composition by Thomas Tallis (1505-85) who was Lay Clerk at Canterbury. Psalm 150 is by Matthew Martin (b. 1976) who was previously an organist here. Joanna Marsh (b. 1970) is a leading British composer. Her anthem 'All Shall be Well' sets texts from Mother Julian of Norwich, celebrating the contribution of female scholars and writers down the ages.

Additionally, music is included from the global church including a Kyrie sung in Urdu. Music to greet the proclamation of the Gospel is provided by the African Choir of Norfolk with their members drawn from a wide range of countries across the sub-continent.

The hymns have been chosen by Archbishop Sarah, including hymns reflecting the Feast of the Annunciation. As the angel brought good news to Mary, so we pray that we may receive God's good news, his saving gospel.

Through the ceremony, legality and formality of this service, we are invited like Mary to say our own 'yes' to God. As she brought Jesus into the world through her faithful obedience, we are invited to do likewise and to live that in lives of courageous service, confident yet gentle proclamation and generous engagement both within the church and across the world.

We welcome our 106th Archbishop of Canterbury and our first female archbishop on this Feast traditionally known in England as Lady Day. Archbishop Sarah has already repeatedly said that if we wish to go fast, we go alone but if we are to go farther, we should go together. That challenge stands before us all today.

The Very Reverend David Monteith DL
40th Dean of Canterbury since the New Foundation

PROCESSIONS

Beginning at 1420 the following processions will enter the Cathedral.

Please remain seated.

The Area Deans and Lay Chairs of the Diocese of Canterbury

Ecumenical Representatives

and

Representatives of Churches in Communion

Visiting Bishops from the Anglican Communion

The Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity of the
General Synod

and

The Prolocutors of the Convocations of Canterbury and York

The Deans of the Church of England

The Bishops of the Church of England

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion
and Other Representatives

and

The Primates of the Anglican Communion and their
Representatives

At 1455 Onyx Brass sound a Royal Fanfare and all stand as the Dean and the Lord Lieutenant of Kent escort Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales to their places in the Quire.

WELCOME

The Dean says

Welcome to the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ in Canterbury. This is a truly global gathering as we welcome those from around the Diocese and the County of Kent, from England and the nations of the United Kingdom, and from around the world.

We meet in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose service we are all united.

Hymn



Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

³ Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

² Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

⁴ Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the high eternal One.

⁵ Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Words: H F Lyte (1793-1847) Tune: PRAISE MY SOUL AM 766 Descant: Leonard James Blake (1906-1989)

During the hymn the procession moves from the West End to the Compass Rose.

Cross and Lights
Choir
Director of Music
Virger
Diocesan Secretary
Diocesan Registrar and Provincial Registrar
Vicar General of the Province of Canterbury
Commissary General and Dean of the Arches and Auditor
Virger
Minor Canons
Honorary Lay Canons
Honorary Canons
Virger
Archdeacons of Ashford and Maidstone
Virger
Bishops of Ebbsfleet and Richborough
Bishop of Dover
Virger
Officers of Chapter
Chapter
Virger
Archbishop of York
Chaplain

THE READING OF THE MANDATE

The Dean says

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brothers and Sisters of the College of Canons, we have elected Sarah as our Archbishop and her election has been confirmed. Therefore, let the Mandate for her Installation now be read.

The Principal Registrar of the Province of Canterbury reads the Mandate.

The Dean says

We have heard the Mandate. Let us go to welcome Sarah our Archbishop into her Cathedral Church.

A procession moves to the West Door. All turn to face West.

Cross and Lights

Virger

Archdeacons of Ashford and Maidstone

Virger

Bishops of Ebbsfleet and Richborough

Bishop of Dover

Virger

Officers of Chapter

Chapter

Virger

Dean

WELCOME TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

When the Archbishop arrives at the West Door she strikes it three times with her pastoral staff. The doors are opened and a fanfare is sounded.

Children from John Wallis Academy, Ashford say

We greet you in the name of Christ. Who are you and why do you request entry?

The Archbishop says

I am Sarah, a servant of Jesus Christ, and I come as one seeking the grace of God, to travel with you in his service together.

The Children say

Why have you been sent to us?

The Archbishop says

I am sent as Archbishop to serve you, to proclaim the love of Christ and with you to worship and love him with heart and soul, mind and strength.

The Children say

How do you come among us and with what confidence?

The Archbishop says

I come knowing nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified, and in weakness and fear and in much trembling.

The Children say

Let us then humble ourselves before God and together seek his mercy and strength.

PENITENTIAL RITE

The Archbishop says

God our Father, we have marred your image in us.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

God the Son, born of Mary, we have not always obeyed your command to love one another.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

God the Holy Spirit, you have given us creation to enjoy and respect, yet we have misused this gift.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Kyrie Eleison

The Choir sings Khudaya, rahem kar (Kyrie Eleison) Trad. Urdu liturgical text, arr. Christopher Ouvry-Johns.

Khudaya, rahem kar.

Lord, have mercy.

Masiha, rahem kar.

Christ, have mercy.

Khudaya, rahem kar.

Lord, have mercy.

The Dean says

Archbishop Sarah, we have looked forward to your coming with great joy. In the name of the Lord we welcome you into your Cathedral Church.

All **In the name of the Lord we welcome you.**

The Archbishop says

With all my heart I thank you for your welcome. May the peace of God our Father be upon this house and upon this company.

All **Amen.**

The procession moves from the West end to the Nave Altar

Cross and Lights

Virger

Archdeacons of Ashford and Maidstone

Virger

Bishops of Ebbsfleet and Richborough

Bishop of Dover

Virger

Officers of Chapter

Chapter

Head Virger

Primalial Cross of Canterbury

The Archdeacon of Canterbury The Dean

The Archbishop

Chaplain

Hymn



Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

²Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade all rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

³Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, hope restored,
was all in this enfolded,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

⁴Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward Plumptre (1821-91)
Tune: THORNBURY AM 814

The congregation sits as the Archbishop kneels before the Nave Altar.

The Dean says

Let us join Sarah our Archbishop in prayer for God's blessing on her ministry in this Diocese, in the Province of Canterbury and throughout the world-wide Anglican Communion.

Let us pray with confidence, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

On this Feast of the Annunciation, we pray that, with Mary, we may respond to God's invitation to receive the Good News of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

The Collect for the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND THE OATHS

Remain seated

The Archbishop stands before the Nave Altar and the Archbishop of York introduces the Declaration of Assent

Archbishop Sarah, I invite you to affirm the Declaration of Assent I now put to you. This Declaration, used at the beginning of every new ministry in our Church, is a reminder both to you and to all assembled of what the Church of England is, and the basis of its faith, life, worship and witness.

The Archbishop of York reads the Preface

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

The Archbishop of Canterbury responds

I, Sarah Elisabeth Mullally, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Archbishop lays her hand on the Book of the Gospels and the Dean says

You, Most Reverend Archbishop, shall make your Corporal Oath on these Holy Gospels of God which you thus hold, that you will inviolably observe the ancient and approved customs of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ, Canterbury, and that to your best ability you will give help and assistance in defending the rights, statutes and liberties of this Church.

The Archbishop says

As I shall answer the same to Almighty God I hereby make this my Corporal Oath.

THE SIGNING OF AN ECUMENICAL COVENANT

Sit

The Presidents of Churches Together in England present the Presidents' Covenant

Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Great Britain and President of Churches Together in England, says

Dear sister in Christ, our Lord Jesus solemnly prayed for the unity of his disciples in truth and love, and he has given us the Holy Spirit who renews our hearts as he equips and calls us to service and witness for the life of the world.

The Reverend Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, Moderator of the Free Churches Group and President of Churches together in England, says

Will you add your signature to the Covenant we share as Presidents of Churches Together in England, and join your voice to ours in prayer and in the service of the Gospel in our nation?

The Archbishop responds

Willingly I share with you the service of the churches of this country, and pledge myself to strive for the full, visible unity of Christ's Church in truth and love.

The Archbishop adds her signature to those of her Co-Presidents on the Covenant Document, overseen by the General Secretary of Churches Together in England.

Anthem

During the anthem the Archbishop greets her Co-Presidents of Churches Together in England.

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit in to our hearts
and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name all the days of our life,
that we may know thee, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Words: *Lidley's Prayers* (1566)
Music: Thomas Tallis (c 1505 – 1585)

Hymn

Stand



Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine
own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it,
thy holy flame bestowing.

² Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness
become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

³ And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass
the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena (d 1434) Tune: DOWN AMPNEY AM 238 Tr R F Littledale (1833-90)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-14 read by the Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Stand

The acclamation Hata Milele is sung by the African Choir of Norfolk as the Gospel Procession makes its way to the Nave.

Hata Milele, Jesu ni bwana
Even forever, Jesus is Lord

Swahili, Congo

Cross and Lights
African Choir of Norfolk
Gospel Reader

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

read from the Nave Lectern by the Right Reverend Alba Sally Sue Hernández García, Bishop of Mexico, Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

A los seis meses, Dios mandó al ángel Gabriel a un pueblo de Galilea llamado Nazaret, donde vivía una joven llamada María; era virgen, pero estaba comprometida para casarse con un hombre llamado José, descendiente del rey David. El ángel entró en el lugar donde ella estaba, y le dijo:—¡Salve, llena de gracia! El Señor está contigo. María se sorprendió de estas palabras, y se preguntaba qué significaría aquel saludo. El ángel le dijo:—María, no tengas miedo, pues tú gozas del favor de Dios. Ahora vas a quedar encinta: tendrás un hijo, y le pondrás por nombre Jesús.

Será un gran hombre, al que llamarán Hijo del Dios altísimo, y Dios el Señor lo hará Rey, como a su antepasado David, para que reine por siempre sobre el pueblo de Jacob. Su reinado no tendrá fin. María preguntó al ángel:—¿Cómo podrá suceder esto, si no vivo con ningún hombre? El ángel le contestó:—El Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ti, y el poder del Dios altísimo se posará sobre ti. Por eso, el niño que va a nacer será llamado Santo e Hijo de Dios. También tu parienta Isabel va a tener un hijo, a pesar de que es anciana; la que decían que no podía tener hijos, está encinta desde hace seis meses. Para Dios no hay nada imposible. Entonces María dijo:—Yo soy esclava del Señor; que Dios haga conmigo como me has dicho. Con esto, el ángel se fue.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

THE INSTALLATIONS

The procession moves to the Quire as the African Choir of Norfolk sings the acclamation Muhona.

Muhona matu kutanga, Havihe viyaungurwa, iyo vehehe.
Our creator we praise, everything was created by you.

Herero, Namibia

Cross and Lights
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Virger
Archdeacons of Ashford and Maidstone
Bishop of Dover
Virger
Archbishop of York
Chaplain
Virger
Officers of Chapter
Chapter
Head Virger
The Primatial Cross of Canterbury
The Archdeacon of Canterbury The Dean
The Archbishop
Chaplain

The Archdeacon installs the Archbishop in the throne, saying

I, William Jonathan Adam, Archdeacon of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ in Canterbury, by the authority committed to me, do induct and install you, Sarah Elisabeth Mullally, by divine providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, into the possession of the Archbishopric of Canterbury, with its rights and dignities, and all its opportunities for service: and I place you in the episcopal seat of this Cathedral and Metropolitan church of Christ in Canterbury in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Bishop of Winchester, Dean of the Province of Canterbury, blesses the Archbishop, saying

May the Spirit of God rest upon you, filling you at all times with wisdom and understanding and the fear of the Lord. May the peace of Christ always stand guard over your heart and mind; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, remain with you now and always. Amen.

Giving of the Pastoral Staff

The Dean receives the pastoral staff from the Senior Canon and gives it to the Archbishop, saying

I give you this Pastoral Staff, a symbol of your investment with the Spiritualities of the See of Canterbury.

The Bishop of Dover says

May Christ the Good Shepherd so uphold and sustain you that you may lead with courage and guide with love those committed to your charge.

The Procession moves to the Chair of St Augustine

Cross and Lights
Virger
Bishops of Dover and Winchester
Virger
Archbishop of York
Virger
Officers of Chapter
Chapter
Head Virger
Primatial Cross
The Dean and The Archbishop
Chaplain

Anthem

Psalm 150: O Praise God in his holiness

O praise God in his holiness:
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath:
praise the Lord.
Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be
world without end. Amen.

Music: Matthew Martin (b 1976)

The Dean takes the Archbishop by the hand and installs her in the Chair of St Augustine

I, David Robert Malvern Monteith, Dean of Canterbury, by the authority committed to me, install you, Sarah, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, in this Chair of St Augustine, that, by God's grace you may be an instrument of communion, and of fellowship in Christ within the Anglican Communion, and of unity and peace among all His people. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion presents a Compass Rose to the Archbishop

Receive this Compass Rose, the symbol of the Anglican Communion. Let us pray that we may be gathered from east and west, from north and south as God's children, walking in His ways of justice, love and peace.

The Most Reverend Albert Chama, Primate of the Church of the Province of Central Africa prays in Bemba

Lesa wamaka yonse namwita umubomfi wenu Sarah
Ukuba kachema wacilonganino cenu, nokubila Imbilansuma.
Mumupe amano ukupitila muma Shiwi yenu,
Nokusosa icishinka mucitemwiko,
Nokubombela abantu mukuichefya.
Mumukoshe ukupitila muma pepo nokutungulala abantu benu
mucishinka,
Nokukula mubwananyina bwacilonganino ca Anglican
Communion
Isonde lyonse,
Nokuba bukambone kubufumu bwenu pano isonde.
Ukupitila muli Yesu Klistu imfumu Yesu, Amen.

*Almighty and everlasting God,
 you have called your servant Sarah
 to shepherd your Church
 and proclaim your Gospel.
 Grant her wisdom rooted in your Word;
 courage to speak the truth in love;
 and compassion to serve with humility.
 Strengthen her in prayer and holiness of life,
 that she may guide your people faithfully;
 build up the unity of the Anglican Communion
 and the whole Church throughout the world;
 and bear witness to your kingdom in the world.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Archbishop says

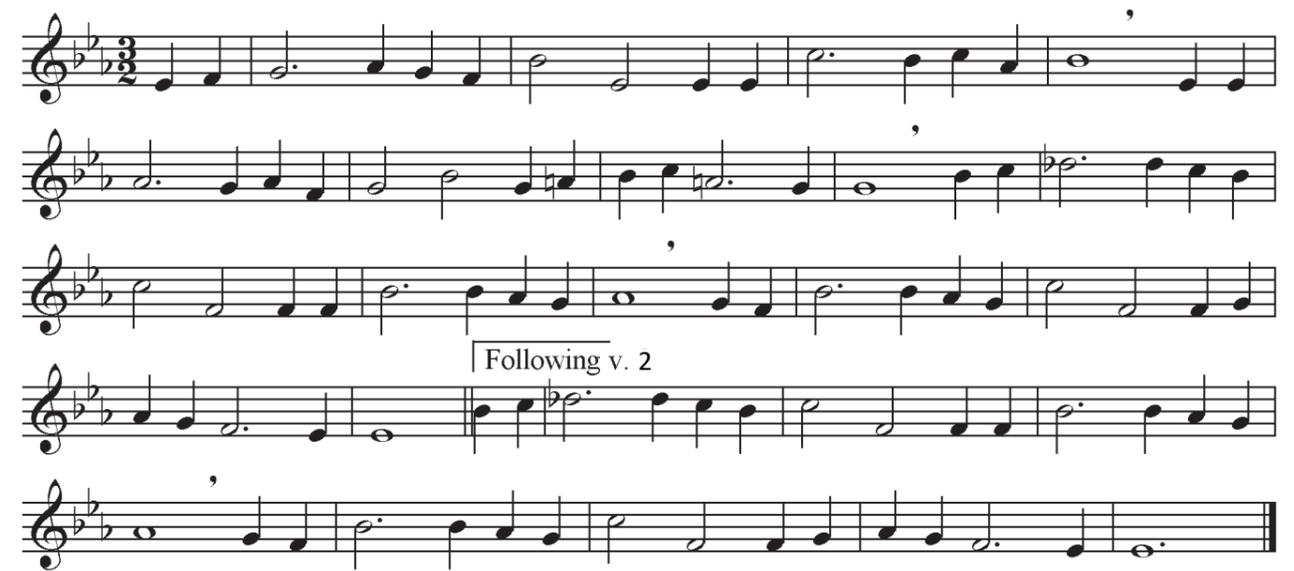
I solemnly commit myself before you to the service of the Church of England, the Anglican Communion and the whole Church of Christ throughout the world, that together we may proclaim the Gospel of Christ who reconciles us to God and breaks down the walls that divide us.

The Dean says

Let us greet our newly installed Archbishop.

The Archbishop is greeted with applause.

Hymn



There's a wideness in God's mercy,
 like the wideness of the sea;
 there's a kindness in his justice
 which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows
 are more felt than up in heaven;
 there is no place where earth's failings
 have such kindly judgment given.

² For the love of God is broader
 than the measure of our mind,
 and the heart of the Eternal
 is most wonderfully kind.
 But we make his love too narrow
 by false limits of our own;
 and we magnify his strictness
 with a zeal he would not own.

³ If our love were but more simple,
 we should take him at his word;
 and our lives would be all gladness,
 in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Sit

THE SERMON

Anthem *All shall be well*

Without love we may not live.
And in this love our life is everlasting.
Love was without beginning, is and shall be without ending.
All shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.
Ah! Good Lord how might it all be well?
For wickedness hath been suffered to rise contrary to the
Goodness.
I it am, the Might and the Goodness of the Fatherhood;
I it am, the Wisdom of the Motherhood;
I it am, the Light and the Grace that is all blessed Love.

Text: Julian of Norwich, from Revelations of Divine Love
Music: Joanna Marsh (b. 1970)

THE NICENE CREED

Stand

The Archbishop leads the people in saying the Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

THE PRAYERS

The Venerable Darren Miller, Archdeacon of Ashford

Let us pray

Almighty God, on this day you made our salvation known to
Mary by the message of an angel. Grant Archbishop Sarah the
comfort and strength of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

A pupil from Archbishop's School, Canterbury

Through your angel Gabriel you brought a message of peace and joy to Mary.

Give to the world the joy and peace of salvation. We pray for the nations of the world and for their leaders.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Mr C Pradeep Jacob, Member of the Vacancy in See Committee

Through your angel Gabriel you brought a message of peace and joy to Mary.

Give to the world the joy and peace of salvation. We pray for the nations of the world and for their leaders.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Mrs Domenica Pecoraro, Refugee Programme Manager

You look with compassion on the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Encourage the downhearted; help all those in need; and deliver those whose lives are blighted by poverty, war and injustice.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The Reverend Catherine Darkins, Chaplain of the Pilgrims' Hospice.

Grant, O Lord,
that by the riches of your grace
we may grow up into him who unites our life to yours,
even he who is the first-born of all creation,
your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Stand

The Archbishop says

I invite you as Christians to commit to serve together

All Christians, of different denominations, are invited to say, together with the Archbishop

Taking the example of Jesus Christ and his disciples, we commit to follow Him in faith, to honour God's image in all people and to cherish this earth as the gift of God.

The Archbishop says

I invite you as faith leaders to commit to serve together.

Representatives of all faith communities are invited to say, together with the Archbishop

We commit to serve together as people of many faiths, in a spirit of friendship and co-operation, to help bring about a better world now and for generations to come.

The Archbishop says

I invite you as public servants to commit to serve together

Public servants and leaders from state, community and wider society are invited to say, together with the Archbishop

We commit ourselves, as people in leadership and public service, to seek the welfare of all people.

Hymn



Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
 in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
 make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
 his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 powers and dominions lay their glory by.
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
 based on the *Magnificat*

Tune: WOODLANDS AM 394
 Descant and reharmonization: David Maurand

*During the hymn the Lord Mayor's Party proceeds to the
 Buttermarket for the Blessing of the City and Diocese.*

THE BLESSING

The Archbishop says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
 fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Organ Voluntaries

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971), *Prelude and Fugue in B, op. 7, no. 1*
 Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911), *Finale: Allegro assai, from*
Organ Sonata no. 1 in d, op. 42

PROCESSIONS

*The Archbishop's Procession moves to the Buttermarket where she
 blesses the City and Diocese of Canterbury.*

Cross and Lights
 Head Virger
 Primatial Cross
The Archbishop
 Chaplain

Virger
 The Dean and the Lord Lieutenant
accompanying

Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales

Cross and Lights
Virger

Archdeacons of Ashford and Maidstone
Bishops of Ebbsfleet and Richborough

Virger
Officers of Chapter
Chapter
Bishop of Dover

Other processions move from the Cathedral

Cross and Lights
Choir
Director of Music
Virger
Minor Canons
Honorary Lay Canons
Honorary Canons

Virger
The Primates of the Anglican Communion

Virger
Archbishop of York
Chaplain

Virger
Diocesan Bishops

Virger
Suffragan Bishops

Virger
Deans

Ostiarius

Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity
Prolocutors of the Convocations of Canterbury and York

Dean's Virger of St Paul's
Chapter of St Paul's

Virger
Ecumenical Representatives

and
Representatives of Churches in Communion

Virger
Representatives of the Anglican Communion

Virger
Diocesan Secretary
Diocesan Registrar and Provincial Registrar
Commissary General and Dean of the Arches

Virger
Area Deans and Lay Chairs

THE BLESSING OF THE CITY AND DIOCESE

*When the Archbishop and her procession arrive at the
Buttermarket she is greeted by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury,
Councillor Keji Moses*

Most Reverend Archbishop,
on behalf of the City Council and the people of Canterbury,
I welcome you to the City of Canterbury,
the seat and home of Archbishops since the sixth century.
King Ethelbert and Queen Bertha welcomed St Augustine to
Kent,
and we welcome you today.

The Archbishop responds

I thank you for your welcome
and pray that I may faithfully serve
this City and Diocese of Canterbury
and the County of Kent now and in the years to come.

The Lord Mayor continues

May it please Your Grace to bless this city, diocese and nation,
their people and their communities.

The Archbishop blesses the City and Diocese

In the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah we read: 'Seek the welfare
of the city where I have sent you, and pray to the Lord on its
behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare'
(Jeremiah 29:7).

So we pray for God's blessing on this city and diocese of
Canterbury.

May God's compassion and justice, freedom and love
inspire and sustain this city, diocese and nation;
unite all peoples;
and strengthen them in service to one another.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

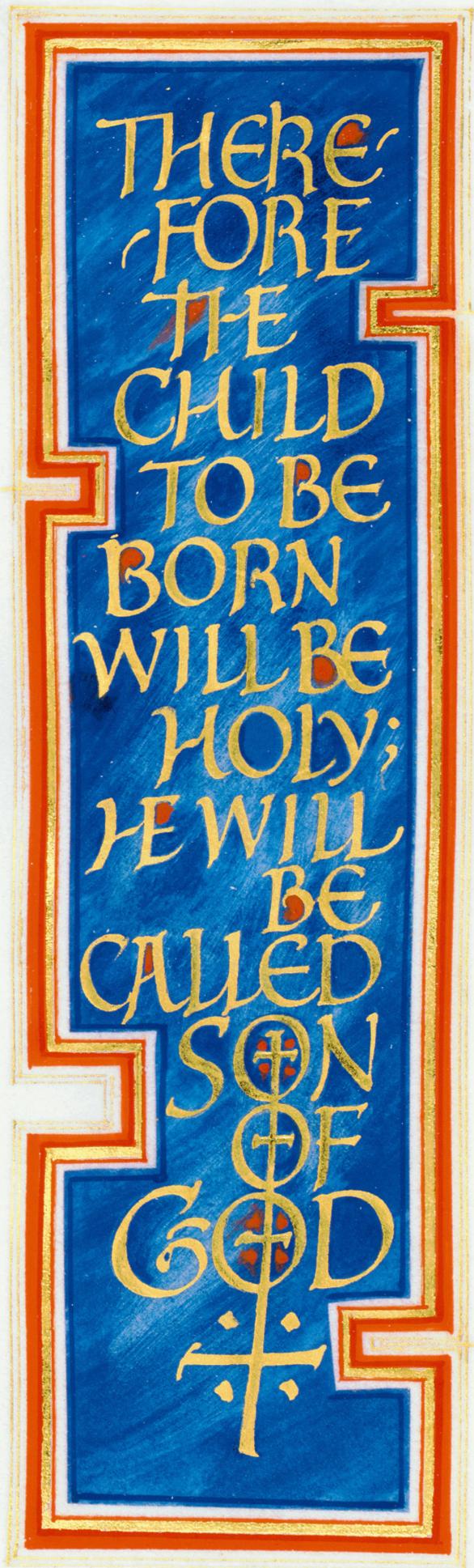
As you leave, stewards will be holding baskets
for a collection, taken to support the work of
the Cathedral, which costs £30,000 per day to
maintain.

If you would prefer, use the QR code.



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