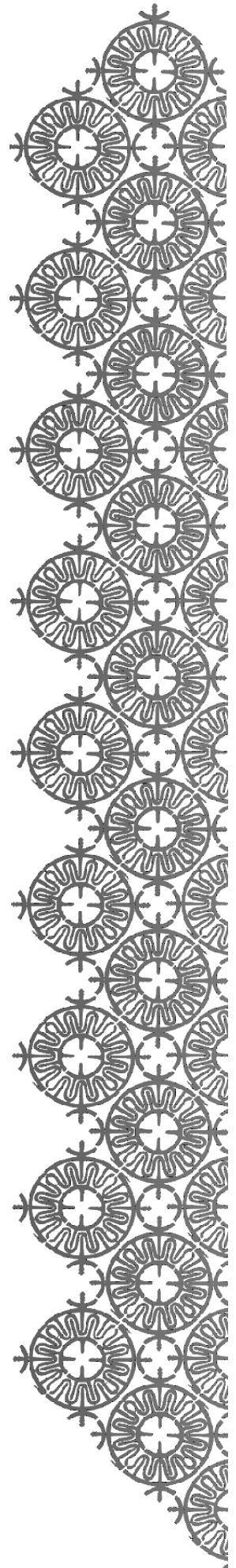




Choral Evensong

with the Institution and Installation
of the Reverend Dr Gordon Giles
as Canon Chancellor

Patronal Festival
(The Blessed Virgin Mary)
Sunday 13th September 2020
at 3.15pm
in the Nave





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The Chapter welcomes you to the Cathedral as we come together with James our Bishop to celebrate the life of this Cathedral Foundation. We are especially glad to welcome those who are supporting the Reverend Dr Gordon Giles, to be installed as Canon Chancellor. As we welcome Gordon formally into the Chapter and pray for him and his family, we pray for the unity of the Church and for all involved in the mission and ministry of this Cathedral and Diocese.

The Reverend Dr Gordon Giles

The Reverend Dr Gordon Giles was born in London and went to school in High Wycombe and Wales before gaining a First in music and aesthetics at Lancaster University. An M.Litt in Philosophy at Cambridge University followed and then he worked as Chaplain for the Missions to Seafarers in the North-east of England. After studying theology at Ridley Hall Cambridge, he was ordained in Ely Cathedral and served a curacy at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cambridge, where he helped found a Credit Union. In 1998 he became Succentor of St Paul's Cathedral in London. In 2003 he became Vicar of St Mary Magdalene's Church in Enfield, North London, and between 2008-2019 also served as Director of Post-Ordination Training in the Edmonton Episcopal Area of London Diocese. He has written several books on church music, hymnody and liturgy and devotional Lent and Advent Books for the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF). As well as being one of the editors of the newly published 'Ancient and Modern' hymnbook, he is also a Director of the English Hymnal Company. Gordon was awarded a PhD in Music, Theology and Liturgy by Middlesex University in 2013. Gordon loves to travel and has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Turkey, China and Europe, mostly with McCabe Travel. He is married to Jessica, who teaches Law for the Open University, and has a daughter Maria (16).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Stand as the procession enters

Preces (Opening Responses)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

 O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.

 Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Sit

Welcome and Introduction

Bishop Peace be with you
All and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service

Bishop We have come together in the name of Christ
 to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
 to hear and receive God's holy word,
 to install Gordon Giles as Canon Chancellor
 and to give thanks for our fellowship one with another in the Gospel.
 Let us therefore pray for God's abundant grace and blessing,
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit
 we may give ourselves to the service of God and his kingdom.

Bishop Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 132

sung by the choir

Lord, remember David : and all his trouble;
How he swore unto the Lord :
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house :
nor climb up into my bed;
I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber :
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord :
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.
We will go into his tabernacle :
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place :
thou, and the ark of thy strength.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness :
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
For thy servant David's sake :
turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David :
and he shall not shrink from it;
Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.

If thy children will keep my covenant,
and my testimonies that I shall learn them :
their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself :
he hath longed for her.
This shall be my rest for ever :
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
I will bless her victuals with increase :
and will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will deck her priests with health :
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
There shall I make the horn of David to flourish :
I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame :
but upon himself shall his crown flourish

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Song of Solomon 2.1-7
read by Colonel Dr Jonathan Cox

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.

As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.

With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention towards me was love.

Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.

O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:

do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

Here ends the first reading.

The Presentation

The Canon-designate is presented to the Bishop by Helen Dimmock, Ecclesiastical Secretary to the Crown and Lord Chancellor

Bishop James, I present to you Gordon Giles
to be instituted to a Residentiary Canonry of this Cathedral Church.

The Letters Patent are read

The Canon-designate and presenter return to their seats

The Bishop introduces the Canon-designate to the congregation

Following the introductions, the Bishop invites the Canon-designate to stand before him and says

Bishop It appertains to the Office of Canons to be counsellors and advisers of the Bishop in holy things, as well within as without the Chapter; to be a student of sacred learning, and of all such matters as tend to establish and confirm the truth of the Gospel and the discipline of the Church; to be diligent in prayer for God's blessing upon our labours and those in this diocese, especially for those of this Chapter; to maintain Christian fellowship and hospitality as far as in them lies; to be zealous for the beauty and service of this Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before in this place in the confession of God's holy name, particularly the Founders and Benefactors of this Cathedral Church.

Will you endeavour to do all these things with the help of God?

Answer **I will do so, the Lord being my helper.**

The candidate makes and subscribes the Declaration of Assent and the Oaths of Allegiance and Obedience, and the Oath to observe the Cathedral Statutes

Bishop Almighty God, who has put into your heart to make these solemn promises, give you grace to perform them, that, together with this whole Chapter, you may inherit everlasting life.

All Amen.

The Institution

The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution and the Canon-designate kneels before the Bishop, holding the seal flat between the palms of his hands

Bishop Gordon, receive this charge, which is mine as well as yours,
 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Bishop Let us pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The congregation remains seated or kneels

A time of silent prayer is kept, at the end of which the choir sings

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
 And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
 Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
 Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
 The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
 With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
 Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
 This may be our endless song,

 Praise to thy eternal merit,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bishop May almighty God, giver of all good gifts,
so clothe you with holiness of life,
and fill you with the desire of the Spirit,
that you may faithfully serve in this place
to the glory of the everlasting Name;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The new Canon stands and puts on a Chapter cope

The Installation

The Bishop gives the Mandate of Installation to the new Canon Chancellor saying

Bishop This is our Mandate of Installation which you shall cause to be handed to the Dean of this Cathedral Church.

The new Canon Chancellor hands the Mandate to the Dean and says:

Dean Philip, I present to you this Mandate of Installation from the Bishop earnestly praying that in accordance therewith you will install me to a Canonry in this Cathedral Church.

The Dean and new Canon Chancellor move to the Quire and the Dean installs the new Canon Chancellor saying

Dean By virtue and authority of this Mandate, I do admit and install you, Gordon Giles, into a Canonry of this Cathedral Church and assign you a place in the Quire, according to the tenor and effect of the same Mandate and the statutes of this Realm in that behalf made.

We welcome you into our fellowship with a glad heart.
The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth and for ever more.

All Amen.

Stand

Magnificat

sung by the choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Luke 1.46-55

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Charles Wood (1866-1926) in E

Sit

New Testament Reading: Acts 1.6-14
read by Paul Hudson, Lay Member of Chapter

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Here ends the second reading.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

sung by the choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Charles Wood (1866-1926) in E

Turn East to say

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer and Responses

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Kneel or sit

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir 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. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Collects

Almighty God, who didst look upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and didst choose her to be the mother of thy only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

sung by the choir

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui,
Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Robert Parsons (1535-1571/2)

The Angelic Salutation

Prayers

led by a Residentiary Canon, concluding with

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 be with us all evermore.
 Amen.**

Stand

The Blessing

Bishop 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.

All Amen.

Remain standing as the procession departs

Organ Voluntary

Imperial March ~ Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Please leave this booklet on your seat or take it home with you

The Cathedral Church of Christ
and the Blessed Virgin Mary

