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THE RIGHT REVEREND

PHILIP MOUNSTEPHEN

AS THE 98TH BISHOP OF WINCHESTER



2.00PM, SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY 2024

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SERVICE NOTES

The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen comes to this Cathedral today as the 98th Bishop of the See of Winchester, the successor of St Swithun the bridge-builder, Alphege the Martyr, Walkelin the first builder of this Cathedral, William of Wykeham, statesman and educational benefactor, and Lancelot Andrewes, preacher and man of prayer.

The word 'See' comes from the Latin sedes, meaning seat.

Although the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen has been Bishop of Winchester since the Autumn of 2023, this service of welcome and installation marks the public beginning of his ministry in the Diocese.

At the heart of this service is the moment when the Bishop is installed in the cathedra, the chair which is the seat of authority, from which the Bishop presides over God's people in his diocese as Teacher, Chief Pastor and Leader. This authority is a real authority: but it is the authority of the Christian ruler, and its badge is humility and service. It is fitting then that this moment is marked by the bishop's request for the prayers of the people that he may know God's grace in the task which lies before him.

A procession of the clergy and civic authorities conducting a Bishop to his cathedra dates from early times. In the Annals of Winchester we read that in 1206 Peter, Bishop of Winchester, was received in solemn procession and installed in his Cathedral Church on Palm Sunday.

The Register of William of Wykeham (1366) records more specifically: *'The Bishop shall change his shoes in some church or building near the Cathedral Church, to which the archdeacon shall then conduct him; and after making his offering, the Bishop shall enter the porch, and there be stripped of his cope, hood, cap and gloves and then shall the Bishop be robed in pontificals, and the archdeacon shall lead him to the cathedra...'*

Today marks a new and exciting chapter in a long story of Christian witness in this diocese and an opportunity to re-consecrate our common life, looking forward in expectation to the new challenges which await us.

The Ordinal of the Church of England says that bishops are *"called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. They are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people and being known by them..."*

As chief pastors, it is their duty to share with their fellow presbyters the oversight of the Church, speaking in the name of God and expounding the gospel of salvation...

Following the example of the prophets and the teaching of the apostles, they are to proclaim the gospel boldly, confront injustice and work for righteousness and peace in all the world."

In his charge to Bishop Philip, the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote:

'There will be much for you to consider, great challenges to face, as well as, I pray, great joy along the way.'

Amidst all the responsibility that rests on your shoulders, and all the many things you must do, may I urge you to remember that your ministry, and the church itself, does not depend on you, but the one who has called and commissioned you. Jesus Christ said 'I am the way, the truth and the life (John 14.6).'

I charge you, therefore, to hold on and remember that the most important thing for you as a Bishop is not who you are but whose you are. Hold fast to Christ, do not lose sight of Him, and He will guide you in all things.'

THE RIGHT REVEREND PHILIP MOUNSTEPHEN



Philip Mounstephen was born in North East Hampshire. The family then moved around, following his father's career around the country: from Surrey to Sunderland; from Guildford to Hull, and finally to Sussex.

After reading English at Southampton University, where he came to Christian faith for himself, he had a short career as a teacher, before training for ordination at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford in 1988, where he also served his curacy. From 1992 to 1998, he was the vicar of St James Church, West Streatham, in the Diocese of Southwark. He has also held posts as Deputy General Director at the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), chaplain of St Michael's Church, Paris, ministering in English and French and supporting the church's Tamil refugee congregation, and CEO of the Church Mission Society (CMS). In 2018 he was called to be the diocesan Bishop of Truro.

Bishop Philip is deeply engaged with issues of Religious Freedom both nationally and internationally, having chaired a review, at the Foreign Secretary's invitation, into the Foreign Office's response to global Christian persecution, leading recently to the passing of a new UN Security Council Resolution.

Philip is married to Ruth (a strategic planner who has worked in the NHS, local government and charity sector) and they have a daughter, Kitty. Ruth and Philip enjoy offering hospitality at home, travelling in France and further afield, and walking Noggin the Dog. Philip can also often be found searching through the racks in second hand record shops, a habit he acquired while a student in Southampton.

AT ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

The Bishop, accompanied by the Archdeacon of Canterbury and officers of the Diocese, proceeds to the Church of St Lawrence, where he is received by the Rector and wardens of St Bartholomew and St Lawrence with St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate.

In accordance with Church custom and law, the Declaration of Assent is made, and oaths of allegiance to His Majesty the King, and of canonical obedience to the Metropolitan His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, are sworn.

Whereupon the Bishop's party move to the Square where he is greeted by;

The Mayor of Winchester
The Leader of Winchester City Council
Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth
The Principal and a Student of The Bishop of Winchester Academy

ON THE ALTAR

The Winchester Bible
A bottle of Chrism Oil
The Cathedral Constitution and Statutes
The Bishop of Winchester's Crozier

Service of Welcome to The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen

THE INTROIT

The Choir sings

O clap your hands, all ye people:
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible:
he is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout:
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God:
sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises every one that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King; sing praises.

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester, welcomes the congregation

We have gathered to welcome our new Bishop to the Diocese and into his Cathedral. We are here to ask God's blessing on Philip's ministry and to pray that God will give us all grace to follow Christ's example of sacrificial love.

Let us be still for a moment and remember God's presence with us now.

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant Philip, our Bishop,
the needful gifts of grace;
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.**

THE HYMN

Stand to sing

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

O praise him...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

O praise him...

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,

O praise him, alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:

O praise him...

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One:

O praise him...

*Words: St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
tr. William Draper (1855-1933)*

Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen

THE ARRIVAL OF THE BISHOP

The Archdeacon of Canterbury and Bishop Philip arrive at the West Doors. The Bishop's entry is announced by an organ flourish, and the congregation turns to face them

Sarah Shelley, a young person from the diocese, says to the Bishop

We greet you in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
Who are you, and why do you request entry?

The Archdeacon responds

I bring to you Philip Ian Mounstephen
to be installed as Bishop of Winchester.

Addressing the Bishop, Sarah continues

Why have you been sent to us?

The Bishop responds

I am Philip, a servant of Jesus Christ, and I come as one sent as Bishop to serve you, as one to proclaim the love of Christ, and with you to worship and love him with heart and soul, mind and strength.

Sarah

How do you come among us and with what confidence?

The Bishop replies

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

Sarah

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

AN ANTHEM

Sit. As the Choir sings the anthem, the Bishop is led by Sarah through the Nave to the Font

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve....

George Herbert (1593–1633)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
from Five Mystical Songs

THE READING OF THE MANDATE

At the font the Archdeacon of Canterbury says to the Dean

Madam Dean, I bring you greetings from his Grace, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and present you with his mandate.

The Dean replies

Mr Archdeacon, we welcome you to this Cathedral Church, and thank you for bringing greetings from Justin, our Most Reverend Father in God.

The Dean then receives the mandate and hands it to the Chancellor of the Diocese, saying

Let the Archbishop's mandate be read.

The Chancellor of the Diocese reads the mandate and hands it back to the Dean who returns it to the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

The Dean continues

Colleagues of the Chapter, you have heard the Archbishop's Mandate. Let us proceed to fulfil it, praising God for all his mercies and praying for his blessing upon Philip our Bishop and upon his ministry among us.

THE COLLECT

Kneel or remain seated. The Dean says

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us, by the same Spirit,
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The anthem continues as the Bishop is led from the Font to the Sanctuary Steps

...You must sit down, says Love,
and taste my meat:
so I did sit and eat.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
from Five Mystical Songs*

A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

The Bishop kneels on the Sanctuary Step. After a period of silence, he says

Almighty and compassionate God, we confess our sins and ask for your forgiveness.

We confess that we have been divided and judgmental, and we have failed to love our neighbours as ourselves.

We confess that we have hurt and excluded people, and have not embodied your boundless love and acceptance.

We confess our lack of courage in speaking out against injustice, and our silence in the face of suffering.

We ask for your forgiveness and your help in making the church a safe place for all. May your Holy Spirit inspire us to mend the wounds of the past, to reach out in love to those we have wronged, and to help us to be a church that is a beacon of hope and love.

Come Holy Spirit.

THE PREPARATION AND ANOINTING

Sit. The Choir sings

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.

When you walk through the waters,
I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child,
I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

Based on Isaiah: 43

Philip Stopford (b.1977)

During which the Bishop kneels at the Sanctuary Step and silently prays the following prayer

*Save, Lord, and hear me, O King of Heaven,
and accept my sacrifice,
even the sacrifice of my whole heart, which I now give you.
O my God, I offer you my senses, and passions,
and all my faculties,
I offer you all my desires, all my designs, all my studies,
all my endeavours, all the journey of my life.
All that I have, or am, I offer up to your service.
Lord, sanctify me wholly,
that my whole spirit, soul and body,
may become your temple;
O dwell in me and be my God,
and I will be your servant. Amen.*

Bishop Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

After the anthem, the Dean says

As the Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit
so may he pour out upon you the gifts of the same Spirit
that by his grace you may serve God's people
and with them love God
with heart and soul, mind and strength. **Amen.**

The Bishop of Basingstoke anoints the forehead of the Bishop with the Oil of Chrism, saying

Remember that at your baptism
you were signed with the cross of Christ.
Rejoice in God's goodness and grace
and remain faithful to him,
walking with us in the life of the Spirit.
May God give you grace to continue in his way.

The Lord keep you and defend you
now and for ever. Amen.

The Archdeacon of Winchester anoints the Bishop's left hand, saying

Remember that when you were ordained deacon
in the Church of God
you were called to share in the ministry of Christ
who took the form of a servant,
and came not to be served but to serve.
Seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself.
May God give you grace to continue in his way.

The Lord keep you and defend you
now and for ever. Amen.

The Archdeacon of Bournemouth anoints the Bishop's right hand, saying

Remember that when you were ordained priest
in the Church of God
you were given care of the people in your charge:
to watch over them,
to absolve them and to bless them in God's name,
and to proclaim the gospel of salvation.
May God give you grace to continue in his way.

The Lord keep you and defend you
now and for ever. Amen.

The Acting Bishop of Southampton, says

Remember that the ring you wear on your right hand
is a sign of authority.
It is also a sign of trust
that the waiting father
places on the finger of his returning son.
May God give you grace to continue in his way.

The Lord keep you and defend you
now and for ever. Amen.

The Dean concludes

May the Lord sustain you in all your works
and in all your ways; make you humble, just and true;
strengthen you in holiness and righteousness;
fill your home with love and joy and peace;
and help you always to possess the hearts of your people
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then, to the Archdeacon of Canterbury

Mr Archdeacon, I ask you to place Bishop Philip in his cathedra according to the mandate of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE ENTHRONEMENT

Holding the Archbishop's Mandate, the Archdeacon of Canterbury places the Bishop in the Cathedra, saying

By virtue of the Mandate of the Most Reverend Father in God Justin Portal by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, I, William Jonathan Adam, Archdeacon of The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ in Canterbury, induct and install you, Philip Ian Mounstephen into possession of the Bishopric of Winchester with its rights and dignities and all its opportunities for service; and I place you (here the Bishop is seated) in the episcopal seat of this Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and of Saint Swithun in Winchester in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Archdeacons stand before the Bishop, holding the stole, cope and mitre.

The Assistant Archdeacon of Winchester, holding up the stole, says

Jesus said, 'Take my yoke upon you and learn of me.'
Wear this stole as a token of your obedience to Christ,
whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

The Archdeacon of Bournemouth, holding up the cope, says

St Paul says 'As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.'
Wear this cope as a sign that you are clothed with Christ, in whose strength alone you stand among us.

The Archdeacon of Winchester, holding up the mitre, says

St Luke tells us that at Pentecost, tongues of flame rested on each one of the Apostles. Wear this mitre as a sign that the Holy Spirit rests upon you, and is to be your guide and wisdom in all things.

The Bishop, addressing the whole congregation, says

My sisters and brothers,
you have heard the pattern of leadership given to us
by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Will you pray for me now and in the days to come,
that I may know God's grace in the task which lies before me,
and do all in his strength?

With the help of God, we will.

Whilst the Bishop is clothed, the Choir sings the anthem

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. Alleluia!
Yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me. Amen.

Amos 5: 8; Psalm 139: 11a

Jonathan Dove (b.1959)

During the anthem, the pastoral staff is brought forward from the Altar and presented to the Bishop by Sarah

Sarah says to the Bishop

Bishop Philip, you are our chief shepherd.
Carry this staff as a sign of your care for us in Christ.
May the Lord be your Shepherd always.

The Dean then presents the Bishop to the people

I present to you Philip,
anointed and installed as our Bishop.

All in the Cathedral greet the Bishop with applause

THE PEACE

Stand. The Bishop says

My sisters and brothers in Christ, I thank you for your welcome. I come among you as your servant and pastor, humbly seeking the grace of God. In baptism, God has called us and draws us into the Church, commissioning each of us to witness to the faith of the crucified Christ in season and out of season and to be his faithful and joyful disciples to the end of our lives. With humility and with joy, I take on the yoke of obedience as your Bishop, and for the love of Christ I seek to do his perfect will.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them

A WORSHIP SONG

During the worship song, the Bishop and Mrs Mounstephen are greeted by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, and people from across the Diocese representing different aspects of the life of the church in Winchester, including safeguarding, foodbanks, the environment, education and youth work

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Saviour has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things
*Oh, hero of Heaven
You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Saviour, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things*

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful for evermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things
God, You do great things
Oh, hero of Heaven
You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Saviour, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
Oh, hero of Heaven...

Phil Wickham
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THE READING
Revelation 21:22-22:5

Sit. The reading is read by His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, *Bishop of Winchester*

A WORSHIP SONG

Stand to sing

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me
Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood
King of Kings © Hillsong Worship

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Kneel or sit

Led by Canon Stephen Knott

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all those who have nurtured and nourished Philip in his ministry; for Ruth; for Dennis and Ann; for Kitty and James, remembering especially the baby Kitty carries, giving thanks for the love shared within the family, and for your blessing upon Philip and Ruth in their new life among us. We pray too for the people of Truro, of Church Mission Society, of St Michael's Paris and St James West Streatham, and other places who have supported Philip in his ministry and whom he has served as pastor and friend. May the fruits of his ministry continue to flourish there and may he discover new gifts in this place.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Led by David Roche

We pray for the parishes of this Diocese whom Philip will lead and encourage. May the diversity and character of each be celebrated and sustained. May every congregation challenge and be challenged by those whom they serve. We give thanks for Bishops Debbie and David and all who carried additional responsibilities during the vacancy in see and pray that both in mission and in administration we may be bold and faithful to the ministry of Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Led by Helen Williams

We pray for Charles, our King, For this city, for all the people of Winchester and for all the communities represented here today. We give thanks for those who contribute to and work for a fairer sharing of resources and for a society where each person is respected and listened to. May we find new ways of working together and enlarging our vision of what it is to be your people.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Led by Alfie Gibb

We pray for the life and witness
of this Cathedral Church,
giving thanks for all those who through the centuries
have hallowed it with their prayers and their service.
We pray for the Dean and Chapter
and the community that gathers here today
as we look forward to supporting our Bishop
and to receiving the blessings of his insights.
May he show humility in sharing his strengths
and courage in sharing his weaknesses
that he may enrich and be enriched
by the worship offered here each day.
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Bishop concludes the Intercessions from the Cathedra, saying

Let us prayer with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

THE FINAL HYMN

Stand to sing

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne—the Infinite!
who lives—and loves—and saves.

Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

*Diademata
George Elvey (1816–93)*

THE BLESSING

The Bishop of Winchester offers the blessing

Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Now and for ever. Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who has made heaven and earth.

God the Father,
whose love creates and sustains all that is,
fill you with the knowledge of his glory.
Amen.

God the Son,
whose obedience shows us the Father
and opens to us the way of eternal life,
strengthen you to walk in his way.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose still small voice
guides us through joy and sorrow, hope and fear,
lead you in the ways of holiness
and empower you to live the Gospel.
Amen.

And the Blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL

The Choir sings Psalm 150 as the procession moves through the Nave, out through the West Doors

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 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 Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

THE BLESSING OF THE CITY AND DIOCESE

Once outside, a bell is rung

The congregation turn to face the West Doors. The Bishop addresses the city

May almighty God bless this city and Diocese,
and grant gifts of wisdom, love and compassion,
to all who live and work here;
may God visit his people with mercy,
surround them with love,
and fill the hearts of all with courage, strength and peace,
beyond human imagining;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata (Symphony 5)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Please remain in your place until the robed and official processions have left



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