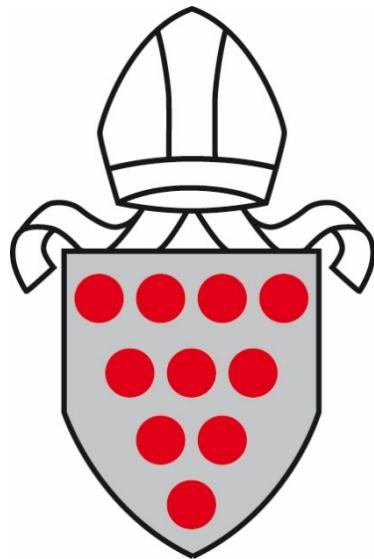


The Diocese of Worcester



A Service of
Welcome and Installation
for
Hugh Edmund Nelson
as
Bishop of Worcester



Saturday 17 January 2026, at 2 pm

Welcome



to everyone joining us today in the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Mary the Virgin, of Worcester, to welcome and install Bishop Hugh as the one hundred and fourteenth Bishop of Worcester.

We all join together in the words printed in **bold**. Please follow the directions about standing, sitting or kneeling if you can; but do also feel free to sit down at any time if you need to. Please ensure your **mobile phone** is set to silent.

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Toilets are available in the cloisters. Please ask a steward for directions.

After the service, **refreshments** will be brought to you in the form of individual bags of pear juice and cake (gluten-free option available).

A **collection** will be taken as you leave the Cathedral, which includes a facility for contactless donation. Your gift will support the cathedral's ministry and mission, and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. Please give generously, using the gift aid envelopes provided (if you are a UK taxpayer), with the details completed on the front.

The Diocese of Worcester

The service today is a celebration of the life of the Diocese over more than a thousand years, and the many ways in which our churches and schools are faithfully responding to God's goodness today. You can read more about some of our people and places in the text boxes throughout this order of service.

Our vision, as a whole diocese, is to share the good news of Jesus' love in every part of Worcestershire and Dudley, through vibrant, hospitable churches, which love God and serve their communities. We particularly want to make sure that children, young people and their families are at the heart of everything we do. We sum this vision up in the phrase 'Kingdom People'.

In order to make our Kingdom People vision a reality, our priorities are to:

- ❖ Double the number of children and young people worshipping in our churches.
- ❖ Create 100 new worshipping communities which offer creative and engaging ways for people from every background, age and context to come to faith and worship God.
- ❖ Make sure that every major population area in the Diocese has at least one 'Renewal Church' with 150 people attending weekly.
- ❖ Underpin all of this by supporting our wonderful clergy and lay leaders with training and development opportunities to help them lead their churches in a changing world.

We do all of this because the Church of England is called to be a Christian presence in every community, inviting everyone to discover God's goodness, serving them in practical ways and modelling the life that Jesus showed us.

You can find lots more about the Diocese of Worcester and our hopes, prayers and plans at cofe-worcester.org.uk and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



Today's Service

Since Saxon times, English diocesan bishops have been nominated by the Crown and elected by the Cathedral Chapter (or more recently, the College of Canons of the Cathedral), before the election is confirmed by the Archbishop. In 1214 King John (buried in this Cathedral) issued a charter which codified this process. Today the Crown nominates a candidate proposed after a process of consultation and discernment including people across the Diocese. Having been thus duly nominated, elected and confirmed as our bishop, Bishop Hugh has paid homage to the King, and today we complete the process by welcoming him to his Cathedral Church and Diocese. In doing so, we celebrate all that God is doing, has been doing, and will do in this Diocese.

The new Bishop arrives and knocks for admission three times on the door of the Cathedral with his pastoral staff (crozier)—a custom deriving from the ceremony for consecrating a new church. He will be greeted by children and young people, before being led to the Dean.

Before the service, the Bishop has already taken his Oaths of Allegiance to the King and Obedience to the Archbishop. During the service he will make the Declaration of Assent, and his Oath of Fidelity to the Diocese and Cathedral will be sworn on a copy of John Wycliffe's English translation of the New Testament, a beautifully decorated 15th-century manuscript bequeathed to the Cathedral Library by John Prideaux (Bishop of Worcester 1641-1660) and traditionally used by bishops and deans of Worcester when swearing the oaths at their installations.

He will then be anointed and vested with the symbols of his office by representatives from around the Diocese, before being led into the Quire, the heart of the Cathedral's worshipping life, to complete his installation.

To be installed is to be put in one's stall or place—in this case the Bishop's Chair (the Cathedra), which is the symbol of his office as teacher and pastor. The principal church of the Diocese, the Cathedral, takes its name from this Cathedra. At one time a new bishop would have been installed by the Archbishop, or another bishop, but by long custom in the Province of Canterbury this duty has been delegated by the Archbishops to the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

After this installation, Bishop Hugh (now accompanied by the Diocesan Mace, commissioned in 1662 for Bishop John Gauden) will be formally presented to the congregation, representing the people of this Diocese, as our new Bishop, and together we will renew our commitment to the mission and ministry of God in this place. He will preach his inaugural sermon as our Bishop.

At the conclusion of the service, the Bishop of Dudley, having served as Acting Bishop of Worcester throughout the See's vacancy, will hand Bishop Hugh the Diocesan Crozier (designed by the Bromsgrove Guild for Ernest Pearce, Bishop of Worcester 1919-1930), a symbol of the Bishop's pastoral authority; and Bishop Hugh will pray for God's blessing on us here today and upon the whole Diocese.

Today's Music

The service is sung by the Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir, conducted by the Director of Music, Samuel Hudson, and the organists are the Assistant Director of Music, Nicholas Freestone, and the Organ Scholar, Benedict Braddock. Worship songs are led by a worship band drawn from St Stephen's Church, Redditch and All Saints' Church, Worcester. A special musical item will be led by iSingPOP, who create joyful collective worship experiences in primary schools and churches.

The choirs will sing three choral items in the course of the service: *Ubi caritas et amor* by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986), *The Spirit of the Lord* by Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934), and the *Te Deum in B flat* by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

One of four motets based upon Gregorian themes, *Ubi caritas et amor* (composed in 1960) sets an antiphon for Maundy Thursday, with the plainsong melody being heard in the alto part during the opening and closing sections. The gentle harmonic language and simple textures belie the subtlety of the treatment of the theme.

Elgar grew up next door to the Cathedral, and much of his music was premiered at the Three Choirs Festival. His oratorio *The Apostles* (1903) was the first part of an intended trilogy of biblical oratorios, of which only two were completed. The prologue, *The Spirit of the Lord*, is a solemn, impressive chorus, expansive and symphonic in scale.

The *Te Deum* is a canticle of praise and thanksgiving. Stanford's dramatic setting is part of his 1879 *Service in B flat, Op. 10*. The opening organ fanfare was added for the Coronation of Edward VII in 1902.

Historical Installations

A late thirteenth-century register describes the procedure for installing a new Bishop at that time. The Prior and Sacrist of the Cathedral Monastery met the Bishop outside the city and conducted him to the Cathedral where he was received with great honour, the bells were rung and he was led up to the High Altar. There he knelt in prayer and certain prescribed prayers were said for him. After that he pronounced a blessing and gave the kiss of peace to the monks of the Cathedral and the clergy of the Diocese. Then the Archdeacon of Canterbury installed him and he celebrated Mass. Later in the day or on the following day, he made a formal entrance to the Chapter House with his attendants and preached to the Community.

During the first three centuries after the Reformation, the Chapter, on being informed of the Bishop's arrival, received him at the north gate of the churchyard as he came across from the Old Palace. They led him into the Cathedral by the North Door and up to the High Altar where, after praying in silence, he took an oath on the Gospels to observe the statutes. The Archdeacon of Canterbury placed him in his Cathedra, and after more prayers, the Chapter escorted him back to the Palace.

Some Bishops of Worcester

Bishop Hugh will be the 114th Bishop of Worcester. His many distinguished predecessors include: St Ecgwin, who founded Evesham Abbey; St Dunstan, a statesman and reformer who spoke truth to power; St Oswald, a monastic reformer who founded the Cathedral Priory here in Worcester and many other monasteries; St Wulfstan, whose Feast Day we mark this Monday, steered the Diocese through the Norman Conquest and began the building of the current Cathedral; Hugh Latimer, who preached the Gospel and was martyred for his faith; Charles Gore, who died on this day in 1932, helped many to reconcile the challenges of biblical criticism and scientific discovery with the Church's teaching, and founded the Community of the Resurrection.



Worcester Cathedral

There has been a Cathedral on this site since 680; St Wulfstan began the present building in 1084. When the monastery was dissolved in 1540, some of the last monks became the first Dean and Chapter.

Prayer is offered here, morning and evening, every day of the year. We pray for the people of the Diocese of Worcester, for the city, the nation and the world. Inspired by our Benedictine legacy of prayer, learning and hospitality, we welcome everyone to share our amazing heritage and learn from the wisdom of the past and the insights of the present. Having recently achieved our Silver Eco-Church Award we seek to grow further as a catalyst for environmental campaigning and awareness.



Before the Service

Before the service, a full peal of Spliced Maximus is rung on the Cathedral bells.

Bishop Hugh privately takes the Oaths of Allegiance and Obedience in the presence of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and administered by the Provincial Registrar.

I, Hugh Edmund Nelson, Bishop of Worcester, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors according to Law: So help me God.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Hugh Edmund Nelson, Bishop of the Church and See of Worcester, do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop and to the Metropolitical Church of Christ Canterbury and to their successors: So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

Please remain seated when the first procession enters

Verger

Lay Officers of the Chapter

Ecumenical Guests

Visiting Clergy and Readers

Verger

Visiting Bishops

Verger

The Communities of Mucknell Abbey

and Glasshampton Monastery

Diocesan Clergy and Readers

Verger

Minor Canons

Honorary Canons

Verger

Assistant Bishops

Worship led by St Stephen's Church, Redditch

Over the past year, the congregation of St Stephen's has more than doubled in size, with half of the newcomers being new to faith. The church is committed to meeting people where they are, showing how faith is practical and relevant to life today with all its joys and challenges. St Stephen's is particularly focused on children, young people, and young adults, making space for them, putting them at the centre of the church's life and mission, and supporting them to grow as disciples of Jesus.



Please remain seated to join in this worship

**A thousand generations falling down in worship
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb.**

**All who've gone before us and all who will believe
will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.**

**Your name is the highest, your name is the greatest,
your name stands above them all.**

**All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions
your name stands above them all.**

***And the angels cry holy!
All creation cries holy!
You are lifted high, holy
holiness forever.***

**If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
sing the song forever to the Lamb.**

**If you walk in freedom, if you bear his name
sing the song forever to the Lamb.**

We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry holy ...

*Hear your people sing holy
to the King of kings, holy,
you will always be holy,
holy forever.*

*Jenn Johnson (b. 1982), Brian Johnson (b. 1978), Chris Tomlin (b. 1972),
Jason Ingram (b. 1974), and Phil Wickham (b. 1984)*

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
the city of our God, the holy place,
the joy of the whole Earth.**

**Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
he aids us against the enemy,
we bow down on our knees.**

**And Lord, we want to lift your name on high,
and Lord, we want to thank you,
for the work you've done in our lives;
and Lord, we trust in your unfailing love,
for you alone are God eternal,
throughout Earth and Heaven above.**

Steve McEwan

**All my words fall short,
I got nothing new.
How could I express
all my gratitude?**

**I could sing these songs,
as I often do,
but every song must end
and you never do.**

*So I throw up my hands
and praise you again and again,
'cause all that I have is a hallelujah.
Hallelujah!
and I know it's not much
but I've nothing else fit for a king,
except for a heart singing hallelujah.
Hallelujah!*

**I've got one response.
I've got just one move.
With my arms stretched wide,
I will worship you.**

Come on, my soul,
oh don't you get shy on me!
Lift up your song,
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs!
Get up and praise the Lord!

*Benjamin Hastings (b. 1991), Brandon Lake (b. 1990),
and Dante Bowe (b. 1993)*

A thousand times I've failed,
still your mercy remains.
And should I stumble again,
still I'm caught in your grace.
Everlasting,
your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending,
your glory goes beyond all fame.

Your will above all else,
my purpose remains
the art of losing myself
in bringing you praise.
Everlasting,
your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending,
your glory goes beyond all fame.

*In my heart, in my soul,
Lord, I give you control.
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise
become my embrace
to love you from the inside out.*

*Everlasting,
your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending,
your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart
is to bring you praise
from the inside out,
Lord, my soul cries out.*

Joel Houston (b. 1979)

I love you Lord!
Oh your mercy never fails me!
 All my days.
I've been held in your hands.
 From the moment that I wake up
 until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love your voice!
You have led me through the fire.
 In darkest night,
you are close like no other.
 I've known you as a father
 I've known you as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after,
 it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
 it's running after me.
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now,
I give you everything.
Your goodness is running after,
 it's running after me.

*Ben Fielding (b. 1988), Ed Cash (b. 1971),
Jenn Johnson (b. 1982), Brian Johnson (b. 1978),
and Jason Ingram (b. 1974)*

Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
 Jesus is calling!
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
 Jesus is calling!

*O come to the altar,
the Father's arms are open wide!
Forgiveness was bought with
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes!
Come today, there's no reason to wait!
 Jesus is calling!
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy!
From the ashes a new life is born.
 Jesus is calling!

O what a Saviour!
Isn't he wonderful?
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!
 Bow down before him
 for he is Lord of all!
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown!
Tell the world of the treasure you've found!

*Chris Brown (b. 1981), Mack Brock (b. 1983),
Steven Furtick (b. 1980), and Wade Joye (b. 1976)*

At 1.55 pm, please stand as the Lord-Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Worcestershire and the Lord-Lieutenant and High Sheriff of the West Midlands enter, and sit when they have been shown to their seats by the Dean.

At 2 pm, please stand as the final procession enters

Cross and Tapers
Worcester Cathedral Choir
Worcester Cathedral Youth Choir

Verger
The Diocesan Registrar and Chancellor
The Archdeacons
The Bishop of Dudley

Verger
The Chapter of Worcester Cathedral
The Head Verger
The Dean

Welcome and Gathering

Dean

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

All

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Dean of Worcester welcomes the congregation.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather today to welcome a new Bishop to our Diocese and into this Cathedral Church; to place him in his Episcopal Chair as shepherd of Christ's flock and guardian of the faith; and to ask God's blessing on his ministry among us, that together we may follow the good examples of his predecessors, to live simply, to work diligently and to make Christ's kingdom known, and so light such a candle as by God's grace shall never be put out.

All

Almighty and everlasting God,
the only worker of great marvels,
send down upon our bishops and other pastors
and all the congregations committed to their care
the spirit of your saving grace;
and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord,
for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please remain standing and face West in expectant silence.

The Entrance of the Bishop

The Archdeacon of Canterbury and Bishop Hugh, led by the Head Virger of Canterbury Cathedral, arrive at the West Door.

The Bishop knocks three times for admission with his pastoral staff.

A fanfare is sounded as the door is opened.

Children from Dyson Perrins Church of England Academy and St Matthias Church of England Primary School

The children welcoming Bishop Hugh are from Dyson Perrins Church of England Secondary School and St Matthias Church of England Primary School, reflecting the strong and growing partnership between the parish of Malvern Link with Cowleigh and its church schools. Through this shared life, the parish helps support pupils and staff and nurture a Christian ethos within everyday school life. Out of this partnership, a shared School Chaplain has been appointed, who offers pastoral care, contributes to collective worship assemblies, and helps build meaningful connections between school and church. As a result, many more children and families are now engaged with the life of the church.



The new arrivals are greeted by children and young people.

Child Who is there, and why do you want to enter?

Archdeacon I bring to you Hugh Edmund Nelson
to be installed as Bishop of Worcester.

Child Why have you been sent to us?

Bishop I am Hugh, a servant of Jesus Christ,
called to be a bishop in the Church of God.

Child How will you serve us?

Bishop I come in faith and obedience,
to share the life of this Diocese
as we grow as Kingdom People
and serve the communities of Worcestershire and Dudley.

Children Welcome, on behalf of everyone here.

But first, let us pause and pray.

The Bishop kneels in silent prayer. Everyone else remains standing.

The choir sings

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us together.*

Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And let us love one another
with a sincere heart.*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Amen.

Words: antiphon from the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Please remain standing to sing this hymn, during which the Bishop is led to the crossing

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
using phrases from an Easter hymn in the
Cologne *Geistliche Kirchengesäng* (1623)



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, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

And all ye saints of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,

 O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:

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

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, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
translated by William Draper (1855-1933)*

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Mandate

The Archdeacon of Canterbury presents the Mandate to the Dean.

Archdeacon Mr Dean, I bring you greetings from His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York and present to you his Mandate.

Dean Mr Archdeacon, you are most welcome to this Cathedral Church, and we thank you for the greetings you bring.

The Dean hands the Mandate to the Chancellor of the Diocese.

Dean Let the Archbishop's Mandate be read.

The Chancellor reads the Mandate.

The Declaration of Assent

Dean

Bishop Hugh, I greet you in the name of the Lord.

You have been presented to me that you may be welcomed and installed in this Cathedral Church as our Bishop.

Therefore I ask you, in the presence of God and before this congregation, to make the Declaration of Assent which you in turn will require of those to be licensed to any office within this Diocese.

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?

Bishop

I, Hugh Edmund Nelson, 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

The Oath of Fidelity

Canon Professor Lynn Nichol, the Senior Non-Executive Member of the Cathedral Chapter and Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee, invites the Bishop to take the Oath of Fidelity, saying

Bishop Hugh, I ask you to promise that you will be a faithful pastor to all in this Diocese and that you will observe the Statutes of this Cathedral Church.

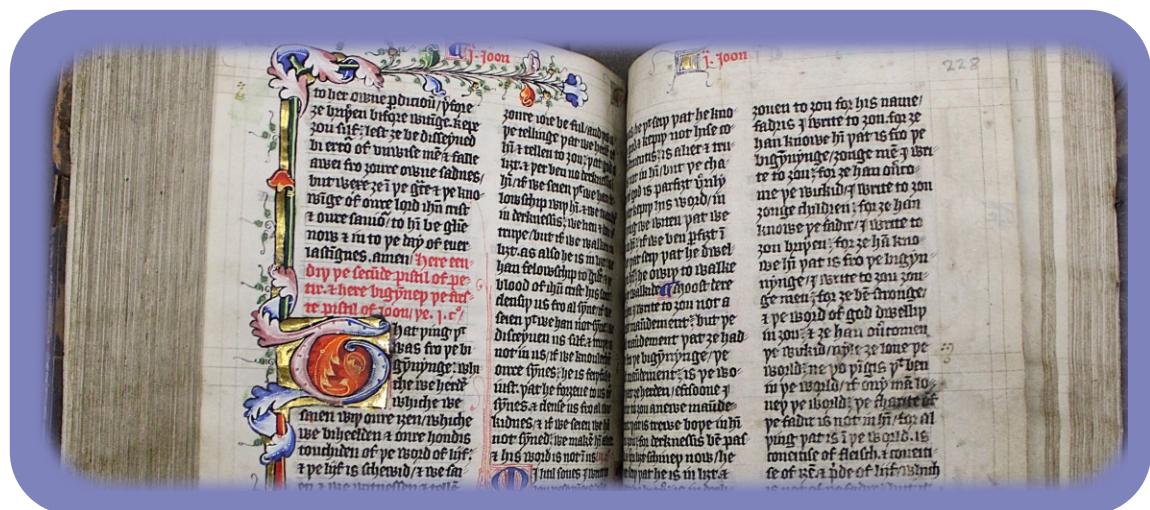
Following long-standing Worcester custom, the Bishop lays his right hand upon the Wycliffe New Testament to take the oath.

Bishop

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Hugh, by Divine Permission Bishop of Worcester, promise as much as in me lies that I will be a faithful pastor and true Father in God to the clergy and people of this Diocese.

I solemnly declare that I will faithfully observe and keep the Statutes and Ordinances of this Cathedral Church; and I will set forward and promote such works as may be fitly done therein for the service of God and for the benefit of his Church in this Diocese. So help me God.



The Collect

Dean

God of all grace and goodness,
you lead us into the way of love and life:
hear our prayer for your Church in this place,
may we offer you our hearts and minds in worship,
bring others to walk with us as disciples of Christ,
and share the hope to which you have called us,
that by the work of your Spirit
we may see lives and communities transformed,
and be drawn ever more deeply into your life of love,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

Please stand to sing this worship song

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.*

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind;
for all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul sings your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

*Jonas Myrin (b. 1982)
and Matt Redman (b. 1974)*

Please sit.

The Anointing

Dean

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.

The choir begin to chant quietly

Veni, Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Holy Spirit.

*Peter Nardone (b. 1965),
Organist and Director of Music at Worcester Cathedral 2012-2018*

The Archdeacon of Dudley, the Venerable Nikki Groarke, and the Reverend Dr Rich Johnson anoint the Bishop's forehead with the Oil of Chrism, saying

Remember that at your baptism you were signed upon your forehead with the cross of Christ
that you might fight valiantly as his disciple
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to him to the end of your life.
As you teach and guide his flock,
may God give you grace to continue in his way.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil.

All
He will keep you safe.

All Saints, Worcester

Rich Johnson is the Vicar of All Saints' Church, Worcester. It is one of two 'Resourcing Churches' in the Diocese (along with Top Church, Dudley) that are set up to share their experience, gifts and resources with other churches. All Saints and Top Church have a specific focus on planting and revitalising other churches, developing leaders and providing other resources for mission. Curates from All Saints have helped renew St Peter's Church in Bengeworth, Evesham, and St Stephen's Church in Redditch, and All Saints also supports other churches with their worship and mission. All Saints also has a ministry to youth, students, and young adults and they are seeing a quiet revival among this group.



Max Kearn and Peculiar Dare anoint 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.
He taught that he who would be great among us
must be the servant of all.
May God give you grace to continue in his way.

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in

All **from this time forward and for evermore.**

North Worcester Churches

Claines, St George's, and St Stephen's Churches in North Worcester have been working closely together over the past few years, led by their joint Children, Youth and Families' ministry. Resources are shared to offer a vibrant ministry for all ages including Bubble Church, Sunday Stars, Junior Stars, Messy Church, Refresh Stay and Play, and a growing youth group, which the young people named 'Path of God' (POG). All the groups involve some form of worship and teaching so that everyone involved knows that God loves them. Max Kearn and Peculiar Dare were both confirmed last June and are growing in their faith and discipleship.



The Reverend Canon Sarah Dangerfield and the Archdeacon of Worcester, the Venerable Mark Badger, anoint 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 this way.

All
The Lord himself is your keeper;
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand.

The Rural Church in Mission

Sarah Dangerfield is Area Dean of Pershore and Evesham Deanery, where clergy and lay leaders are working together across traditional parish boundaries to share and nurture faith, encouraging each other as they support people in their discipleship.

Church is at the heart of rural communities, with people coming together to build God's Kingdom through care for neighbour, as well as care for church buildings and churchyards. We love God's creation, and Eco Church provides a great opportunity to bring people together. There is a close relationship with church schools and much fantastic work is done through that partnership.



Sian Morgan, Annabel Morgan and Rose Morgan present the Bishop with the pectoral cross, saying

We come from the parish of Kingswinford with Wall Heath where we are working with local schools and offering different ways for families to engage with us. We bring you this pectoral cross.

Jesus said, 'Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.' Wear this cross as a sign that having been crucified with Christ, it is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in you.

Kingswinford with Wall Heath

The parish of Kingswinford in the Greater Dudley Deanery is one of our Renewal Churches and aims to grow to have at least 150 people attending each week. The parish's two churches offer worship in the inclusive Anglo-Catholic tradition. Sian Morgan is their Children, Youth and Families' Minister and is working with local schools and families, establishing new intergenerational church communities based around iSingPOP, as well as leading flourishing 'Mainly Music' worshipping communities for preschoolers. She recently ran the Archbishops' Young Leader Award with children at Church of the Ascension Church of England Primary School, which is based around partnership between school, church and local community.



The Reverend Canon Claire Lording and Henry Prior present the Bishop with the stole, saying

We come from the benefice of Pershore with Pinvin, Wick and Birlingham, where new families have been growing in faith thanks to our café church. We bring you this stole.

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.

Pershore with Pinvin, Wick and Birlingham

Claire Lording and Henry Prior are from the benefice of Pershore with Pinvin, Wick and Birlingham, which has been supporting families to grow in faith through Café Church. Led by their Children and Families' worker and a team of volunteers, this takes place once a month on a Sunday at 9.30 am and welcomes families to share breakfast together and enjoy a short interactive service. This has brought more children into the Abbey's community and helped them find a church that they can wholeheartedly belong to.



The Reverend Laura Betson, CJ Ekpunobi and Jenson Thomas present the Bishop with the cope, saying

We come from the parish of Kidderminster West, where children and families are welcomed just as they are, in places of growing faith and community. We bring you this cope.

St Paul says, 'All of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.' Wear this cope as a sign of this, and take up the mantle of prophecy to teach in his name.

Kidderminster West Team Ministry

Laura Betson, CJ Ekpunobi and Jenson Thomas are from the Kidderminster West Team Ministry, which is in the process of reorganising itself to form a new partnership with other local churches. Welcoming children and families to church and to faith in Jesus, in age-appropriate ways which involve the wider church community, is a top priority. Families are welcome at the weekly Praise Maze toddler service, monthly Messy Church, weekly YMCA-led youth group, annual Children's Festival, and the monthly POP-up Church in partnership with St John's Church of England Primary school, offering lively and interactive worship using the iSingPOP resources.



Canon Kashmir Garton and Daniel Birchall present the Bishop with the mitre, saying

We come from Redditch and Bromsgrove Deanery, where we are committed to learning and working collaboratively in mission and ministry to grow as the family of God. We bring you this mitre.

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.

Redditch and Bromsgrove Deanery

Kashmir Garton and Daniel Birchall are from the Redditch and Bromsgrove Deanery, which is encouraging collaboration between churches to support growth and empower local ministry. In the Redditch Mission Area, churches are sharing resources and projects, including the successful 'Make Christmas Special Toy Appeal', which makes use of an empty shop to ensure that thousands of vulnerable children receive a gift on Christmas Day. The renewal project at St Stephen's Church in Redditch town centre is growing, with lots of community engagement and new connections, and in Bromsgrove the churches are working together for people of all ages, building a sustainable church community for the future.



The Installation

*Please stand to sing this hymn, while the bishop is led to his
Episcopal Chair*

BLAENWERN

William Rowlands (1860-1907)



1

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Please remain standing.

Dean

We stand now in the Quire of this Cathedral, the centre of the worshipping life of this Church, where for centuries bishops and priors, deans and canons, have met daily to offer praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, and each has their appointed place or stall.

Mr Archdeacon, I ask you to fulfil the Mandate of the Archbishop of York by placing Bishop Hugh in his Episcopal Chair.

The Archdeacon of Canterbury takes the Bishop by the right hand and places him in the Episcopal Chair.

Archdeacon

By virtue of the Mandate of the Most Reverend Father in God Stephen Geoffrey by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of York, I William Jonathan Adam, Archdeacon of The Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ in Canterbury, induct and install you Hugh Edmund Nelson into possession of the Bishopric of Worcester with its rights and dignities and all its opportunities for service; and I place you in the Episcopal Seat of this Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Mary the Virgin, of Worcester in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

All

Amen.

The Dean blesses the Bishop

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and all that you undertake in his name,
now and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

Please kneel (or sit).

The Bishop prays silently, while the choir sings

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor:
he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind—
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called the trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
before all the nations.

*Words: Isaiah 61.1-3, 11
Music: Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
from his oratorio 'The Apostles'*

Please stand to sing this hymn, during which the Bishop is led back to the crossing

PRAISE, MY SOUL

John Goss (1800-80)



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 the everlasting King.

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!
glorious in his faithfulness.

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

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 with us the God of grace.

*H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)
based on Psalm 103
arranged by Samuel Hudson (b. 1984)*

Presentation to the People

Please remain standing.

The Dean presents the Bishop to the people, saying

I present to you Hugh, our new Bishop of Worcester.
Receive him in love,
that together we may give ourselves
to the purposes of God in this Diocese,
to the praise and glory of his name.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God!

The Bishop is greeted with applause.

The Peace

Bishop

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

All

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

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Please sit.

Choirs

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
 thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Words: 4th-century canticle

Music: Service in B flat. Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Dedication to Partnership in Mission and Ministry

St Cassian, Chaddesley Corbett

Hugh Richards is Chair of the House of Laity and Churchwarden at St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett, just outside Kidderminster. Rooted in the heart of the village community, the church tries to reach everyone through Care and Share mornings, Open the Book, Random Acts of Kindness, and services in the community orchard and on the village green. Inspired by a new priest, the church feels vibrant and is growing. Music is led by a four-part choir, which is thriving with youngsters, and a talented team of organists. The six Sunday services a month are diverse and all are welcome—without reservation or exception.

Please stand.

The Chair of the House of Laity, Canon Hugh Richards, says

Our diocesan vision is to grow as Kingdom People, sharing the good news of Jesus' love in Worcestershire and Dudley through churches that are growing in health and sustainability.

Gornal and Sedgley

Alongside being Chair of the House of Clergy, Diane Cooksey is Team Rector and Renewal Leader in Gornal and Sedgley, Greater Dudley Deanery. Since her installation in May, Diane has been getting to know the local community to understand what they want from their church. In the run up to Christmas, there were school carol services, the Rainbows and Cubs helped create some child-friendly nativity figures, and the church engaged with the Sedgley Lights switch on with a few hundred people coming through the doors and over 70 children completing a nativity trail and making a lantern craft. A Hope Explored course will be running in the New Year.

The Chair of the House of Clergy, the Reverend Canon Diane Cooksey, says

As the body of Christ, we seek to join together to worship God, make disciples, share hope, and transform communities.

Bishop Hugh and Bishop Martin, will you affirm your commitment to this Kingdom People vision?

The Bishop of Worcester and the Bishop of Dudley reply

We will, God being our help and strength.

The Bishop of Dudley says

Jesus says, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

The Bishop of Worcester says

People of God, will you affirm your commitment to working together with us in mission and ministry?

All

We will, God being our help and strength.

**Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Please remain standing and join in with the song Hey hey hey, which will be led by our iSingPOP choir from parishes across the Diocese.

**Seasons change and what we grow
won't always be the same—
won't be the same.**

**Taking care and working with
each other is the aim—
and praising God is the game.**

*Hey, hey, hey!
We can flourish today—day—day.
We can grow in the sun and rain
and give God the praise*

*Everyone sing: hey, hey, hey!
We can flourish today—day—day.
We can grow in the sun and rain
and give God the praise*

*Step to the left!
Step to the right!
Take it down low!
Take it up high!*

Step to the left ...

**Planting roots on solid ground
will always keep you strong—
will keep you strong.
Build your life upon
the rock of God and sing along—
together this is our song.**

Hey hey hey ...

Na na na na na na.

*Words and music: Adam Brown,
Zarc Porter and Isaac Porter*

iSingPOP partnership

Our iSingPOP choir includes schools and parishes that have been working with iSingPOP as part of our diocesan partnership. Through songs and other resources, iSingPOP helps children discover their voice, celebrate their unique identity, and share their gifts with the world. The songs are taught in primary schools with families encouraged to get involved at a concert, often held in church. Churches across our Diocese are using the iSingPOP resources to set up new worshipping communities and after school clubs to share Jesus' love with more children and their families.



The Gospel

Please sit. London Ward, Head Chorister of the Cathedral Voluntary Choir, reads from the gospel according to Luke.

Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have

taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24.13-35

Sermon

The Bishop preaches the sermon.

Please stand to sing this worship song

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

Psalm 23

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Intercessions

Please kneel (or sit) to pray.

Dean In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Diocesan overseas links

The Diocese of Worcester has three formal overseas links with the Diocese of Peru, the Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania and the Evangelische Kirche in Mitteldeutschland (EKM) in Germany. The fundamental purpose of the links is to form a relationship between dioceses in different contexts. We aim to pray, journey and learn together, sharing with each other our experiences, mission and ministry.

The Bishop of Morogoro, the Right Reverend Godfrey Sehaba, prays in Swahili

Creator of all life,
we thank you for the skies that paint our mornings,
the rivers that sing through the valleys,
and the soil that cradles every seed.
Forgive us for the times we have turned away
from the beauty and balance you entrusted to us.
Teach our hands to protect,
our hearts to cherish,
and our voices to speak for the earth and all its creatures.
May we walk gently,
live gratefully,
and work together so that future generations
may inherit a world full of wonder and peace.

All **Amen.**

The Archdeacon of Dudley, the Venerable Nikki Groarke, prays

Gracious God, we pray for Bishop Hugh and his wife Lizzie as they join the kingdom people of the Diocese of Worcester on our transformation journey.

Give Hugh grace and wisdom as he encourages us to grow in our discipleship, give him helpful insights as he visits our varied churches about how they can become more healthy and sustainable, give him joy as he sees new worshipping communities flourishing alongside traditional congregations, renewed churches resourcing others in major population areas, and steadily growing numbers of children and young people coming to faith in multi-generational communities.

May he be blessed as he visits churches, schools and other communities across the length and breadth of the Diocese, and may he be a blessing wherever he goes.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop Coadjutor of Peru, the Right Reverend Victor Condori, prays in Spanish

Grant us, Lord God,
a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected,
and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony
and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Archdeacon of Worcester, the Venerable Mark Badger, prays

Gracious and Loving God, we lift up Bishop Hugh to you today, asking for your wisdom, courage, and guidance as he shepherds your Church.

Lord, we pray especially for the children and young people of our communities. Pour out your Spirit upon them, that their hearts may be captivated by your love and their lives transformed by your grace.

Strengthen families, teachers, mentors, and youth leaders to walk alongside our young people, modelling your love and faithfulness. Help us to discover new ways to make your Church a place of belonging, joy, and purpose for every child and teenager.

May our churches be filled with energy, curiosity, and the Spirit's fire, that together we may build communities where every child and young person can thrive in your love.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Regional Bishop of Magdeburg, Bishop Bettina Schlauraff, prays in German

Loving Father of all,
you have called us to be one body in Christ,
knit together by your Spirit and bound by your love.
Forgive us when pride, fear, or misunderstanding divide us.
Teach us to listen with humility,
to speak with kindness,
and to serve with open hearts.
May our differences become a tapestry of your grace,
our diversity a reflection of your beauty,
and our unity a witness to the world of your redeeming power.
Strengthen us to walk together in faith,
to bear one another's burdens,
and to proclaim the hope we share in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.

All

Amen.

Dean

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Please join in praying the Lord's Prayer in your preferred language

All

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Please stand to sing this hymn, during which the Bishop is led to the High Altar

OLD HUNDREDTH

Genevan Psalter (1551)



A - men.

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the Angel-host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

William Kethe (d. 1594)

*Psalm 100 from the 'Old Version' metrical psalter
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Please remain standing.

The Presentation of the Crozier

The Bishop of Dudley retrieves the Diocesan Crozier, symbol of pastoral oversight and responsibility, from the High Altar where it had been laid up at Bishop John Inge's Farewell Service.

He presents it to the Bishop, saying

Bishop Hugh, receive this Staff.
Keep watch over the flock
of which God has appointed you shepherd.
Encourage the faithful, restore the lost,
build up the body of Christ,
that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear,
you may receive the unfading crown of glory.

The Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **who has made heaven and earth.**

All Blessed be the name of the Lord,
now and for ever. Amen.

All The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.
Amen.

All The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.
Amen.

All The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.
Amen.

All And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Blessing of the Diocese

Please remain standing to sing this hymn, during which the Bishop is led to the West Door

HERE I AM, LORD

Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major and common time. The first staff shows the beginning of the melody. The second staff begins with a bass line, followed by a melodic line with a fermata and a repeat sign, leading to a 'Refrain' section. The 'Refrain' section is shown in three staves, each with a different melodic line. The fifth staff concludes the piece.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947),
arranged by Timothy Noon (b. 1974)*

The West Doors are opened, and the Bishop prays for God's blessing upon the Diocese.

Bishop

May God's compassion and justice, freedom and love
inspire and sustain this Diocese,
its communities in city, town or village,
unite their peoples and strengthen them in service to one another.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in G (BWV 541)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain in your seat and refreshments will be brought to you in the form of individual bags of pear juice and cake (gluten-free option available).

A collection will be taken as you leave the Cathedral.

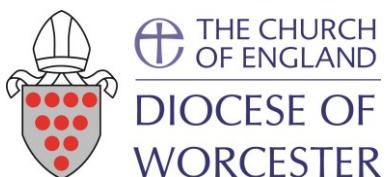
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