



ELY CATHEDRAL

**The Installation
of the
Right Reverend
Sarah Elizabeth Clark
as the
Seventieth Bishop of Ely**

The Feast of St Etheldreda
Queen, Foundress and First Abbess of Ely
Sunday 21 June 2026
3.00pm
Ely Cathedral

THE SERVICE

The installation of a new Diocesan Bishop brings to completion a long journey of prayerful consultation, nomination and election. It marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the Diocese, we gather in worship to give thanks, to seek God's blessing, and to commit ourselves afresh to our life together in Christ under Bishop Sarah's leadership. This is very much a public celebration, as representatives of the Diocese and the County, our fellow Christian churches, and our link dioceses in the Anglican Communion come together to welcome her.

In today's service we receive Bishop Sarah as our Bishop: as pastor, teacher of the faith and leader in mission. Near the start of the service, she will knock on the West Door of the Cathedral, asking entry. She will be welcomed first by young people from across the Diocese, and then by the Dean and Chapter and the Archdeacons. We will hear the mandate formally read and, following the legal Oaths and Declarations, she will be anointed for the service of God and God's people by the Bishops of our link dioceses: the Bishop of Vellore, the Rt Revd H. Sharma Nithyanandham and the Bishop of the Schleswig and Holstein Diocese of the Nordkirche, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern German, the Rt Revd Nora Steen. We welcome the former Bishop of Kigali, the Rt Revd Louis Muvunyi who is also attending this service.

At the heart of the service is the moment of installation. Bishop Sarah will be placed in her episcopal chair under the Octagon by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, representing the Archbishop, and then by the Dean in her seat in Choir.

After the Installation, the Word of God is proclaimed, and Bishop Sarah preaches her inaugural sermon as our Bishop. This is followed by a time of prayer. At the conclusion of the service, the Dean presents her with the pastoral staff, or crozier, which belongs to the Diocesan Bishop. Bishop Sarah then blesses us, the people gathered here, before moving to the West Door. From there, looking outwards and accompanied by representatives of both Church and County, she offers God's blessing to the Diocese and to the wider community we serve.

Today we rejoice in welcoming Bishop Sarah and commending to God her ministry and our shared life together in Christ.

A Welcome from the Dean

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Cathedral today as we gather with much joy and anticipation to install Bishop Sarah as the 70th Bishop of Ely.

The Cathedral is the place of the Bishop's seat – in Latin *cathedra* – and a focus for the mission and ministry of the Bishop within the diocese. As our chief pastor and teacher we look forward to Bishop Sarah preaching, confirming and ordaining here and supporting her in her ministry throughout our wonderful diocese of Ely.

Bishop Sarah will swear oaths with her hand on an ancient copy of the Gospels from the late sixth century. As we celebrate the Feast of St Etheldreda today Bishop Sarah will then pray at the site of the shrine of St Etheldreda and be anointed by colleagues from our link dioceses and then be installed in her *cathedra* by the Archdeacon of Canterbury. This will be the visible sign of her becoming the Bishop of our Diocese.

Bishops of Ely are also installed in their seat in the Choir surrounded by the Cathedral Chapter and Foundation. This double installation (which interestingly we share with our sister Foundation at Durham) preserves the tradition of the Bishop as successor to the Abbot of the monastery with the Dean as successor to the Prior.

More than anything else we are so pleased to welcome Bishop Sarah as our Bishop and to pray an outpouring of God's grace upon her that she may wisely, prayerfully and joyfully shepherd us in the years ahead. May God sustain her in all she does and may we all pray for her and for God's mission in this wonderful diocese of Ely.

Mark Bonney

35th Dean of Ely

A Message from Bishop Sarah

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary service of installation and welcome in this amazing Cathedral that marks the start of my public ministry in Ely Diocese. I have been met with such warmth and kindness since my appointment was announced and received support from many, for which I am really grateful. I am so glad to finally be here in Ely Diocese and full of hope for all that lies ahead for us as we serve Christ together.



The Bishop of Ely

Bishop Sarah is originally from the South Wales Valleys. She studied at Loughborough University and before being ordained worked as a civil servant within the Department of Employment where she completed a Masters in Business Administration. She trained for ministry at St John's College in Nottingham, before undertaking her curacy at St James Porchester in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. She was ordained Priest in 1999.

In 2002, Sarah was appointed Rector of the United Benefice of Carlton-in-Lindrick and Langold with Oldcotes, during which time she was the Area Dean of Worksop. From 2009 Sarah served as Team Rector of the Clifton Team Ministry in Nottingham. In 2011 she became an Honorary Canon of Southwell Minster while also taking on the additional role of Dean of Women's Ministry. From 2014 she served as Archdeacon of Nottingham before being consecrated Bishop of Jarrow on 27 February 2019. She later took on the responsibilities as Acting Bishop of Durham in March 2024 following the retirement of the former Bishop. During her time as a bishop she has been the episcopal champion for the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme which gives young adults hands-on Christian ministry and leadership experience.

The Archbishop's Charge

(given at Bishop Sarah's Confirmation of Election)

To Our well beloved in Christ, Sarah Elizabeth Clark, now Bishop and Pastor of the Diocese of Ely, Greeting.

You are to be charged with many important tasks and ministries in your vocation as a Bishop in the Church of England. 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.

Bishops in the Church of England are called to share in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ, proclaiming His promise of hope and eternal life in a world of death and despair. It's in this broken world that God calls you to servant leadership, which guards the flock of Christ, exercising the ministry of a shepherd, contending for, and upholding, the unity of the church and guiding it in witness and service. In the uncertainty of the world, may Christ strengthen you to confidently live out the vocation to which God has called you and His church.

May He guide you in building deeper and closer relationships with our neighbours across the nation and our brothers and sisters around the global Anglican Communion, so in our unity and our fellowship the world might know Christ Jesus is Lord. Sharing collegial leadership of the Church of England with your fellow overseers, may you discern with them, and others, the future shape of the church and its ministry as we seek to live out our vocation, both locally and nationally, exploring opportunities for more effective ministry.

The Crown Nominations Commission considered prayerfully and carefully the call of the next Bishop of Ely, which is to share the historic and eternal Gospel with a changing world, and to encourage all Christians in their witness so that more people become disciples of Jesus Christ. It discerned an especial sense of urgency around tasks and ministries, which I now set before you, to guide you as you prepare to take up your new office.

In particular, the Commission discerned that you are called to be 'An evangelist, pastor and teacher', 'A passionate, visionary and strategic leader in mission and evangelism', 'A strategic and imaginative developer of resources' and 'A bridge builder and unifier'.

As Diocesan Bishop of Ely you are called to lead the Diocese in discerning its particular vision for God's ministry and mission, following His call to care for the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, the stranger and the orphan around us and, in so doing, proclaiming the Good News of the God who came and lived among us that we might know and share His love for us here on Earth. Jesus, who loved all alike, who counted tax collectors and fishermen as friends, invites you to bring people to Christ's table. He calls us to build a church where each living stone is valued.

As Jesus welcomed the children, the sick and the isolated into His family, you are called to lay a place for both the young and the elderly, those who are poor and those who are wealthy, those whom society loves and those whom society despises alike. This is to be a safe place where God's children may gather in all our glorious diversity and difference to celebrate the image of God in one another. You are called to follow the pattern of Christ, who washed the feet of those He came to serve, counted others better than himself, paid attention to power and tended to those in His care. At this critical time in our stewardship of God's creation, may you have creativity to ensure God's people are characterised by the same love for this world that caused our creator to give His son.

A Bishop is called first and foremost to carry the cross. Its weight, its roughness and its burden will vary from place to place and time to time, but it will always be heavy and require sacrifice. Prepare yourself in deep prayer and contemplation of the crucified Christ.

Like Jesus Christ himself, the only response to the suspicions and difficulties you will encounter is love and unconditional grace. You have the Cure of Souls, the care of all people in your Diocese, of all faiths and none. Take especially seriously your duty and oath to know and to be known by the people of the Diocese. Visit them rather than summoning them. Listen more than you speak. Let them know your very heart and soul, where Christ must reign.

In the midst of much fear and uncertainty, encourage the Diocese to be courageous in the Gospel, by your personal example which they see and understand. By your love, liberate the Diocese to be confident in its witness as St Paul was, bold in its hopes and faith-filled in its dreams of joining in God's work to make the Kingdom of Heaven known here on Earth.

May you draw those you serve into ever deeper relationship with Christ, from individuals to global communities, remembering that He is both an intimate friend as well as King of all creation, leaving out no one in His pursuit of love and mercy.

May you recognise and empower the gifts of those whom you are called to serve, to encourage lay people and clergy alike in their journeys of discernment. The Book of 1 Peter reads 'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received' (1 Peter 4:10). May you draw out the unique and remarkable gifts, which your flock has received from God, that each one may, in partnership, be put to the service of the Lord and His church, for the sake of the service of God's Kingdom.

And finally, may you be present and part of your community as our Lord Jesus Christ was, in both the joy of the wedding at Cana and the suffering of the funeral of the widow's son, in sharing hospitality and friendship. May you serve those within it as Christ calls us to, and to care particularly for those who are suffering, distressed and isolated, seeking to ease the burdens of those we serve by our deeds and words.

Sarah - scripture calls us to speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and 'for the rights of all who are vulnerable' (Prov 31:8), to challenge cultures of hierarchy and deference, and create a space that honours the trust and hope that people place in the church of God. You are called to be a seeker and speaker of truth and justice and ensure that the Diocese of Ely is a place where children and vulnerable adults are safe, and the highest standards of safeguarding are upheld.

Sarah - all goodness comes from God alone. Tend to your own spiritual life, in prayer and study, that you may hear His word, receive His spirit, and do His work. At your ordination, you promised to fashion your household according to Christ. Nurture and pay attention to your family, friends, and the relationships which support you in your ministry.

So may the Lord of heaven, who gives you the will to undertake these things, give you also the strength to perform them, and by His divine providence may His holy angels succour and defend you on earth; and may His grace and blessing be with you at all times. Amen.

Sarah Cantuar 17 April 2026

INFORMATION for the Service



Musicians: The Cathedral Choir is directed by Edmund Aldhouse, Director of Music at Ely Cathedral. The organ is played by Jeremy Lloyd, Assistant Director of Music. We welcome Prime Brass who are further enhancing the musical offering of our service.

We welcome members of Cambridgeshire Deaf Church who will be signing the service for those in the Cathedral and joining the livestream.

Induction Loop: We have a hearing loop system that covers the South and North Transepts.

Facilities: Toilets, including accessible facilities, are available within the Cathedral in the Processional Way area next to the Lady Chapel. Stewards will be happy to direct you.

Health and safety: In the unlikely event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of Cathedral staff.

Photography, filming, and audio recording are not permitted during the Service. Please ensure mobile phones are switched off or set to silent.

A retiring collection will be received for The Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Donations can be made in cash or by using the contactless card units.

Please stand and sit as you feel able.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750 arr. Bryan Allen

Ave Verum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791 arr. Fen Watkin 1922-1989

Song Without Words Op. 102 No. 6

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847 arr. Topp

Shenandoah

arr. John A. Ryther

Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder

Georg Daniel Speer 1636-1707 arr. Robert King

Prime Brass

Carillon de Longpont Op. 31 No. 21

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

Nachspiel D-Dur

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Étude de Concert

Joseph Bonnet 1884-1944

Jeremy Lloyd, Organist

DETAILS OF PROCESSIONS

All remain seated for the following processions

2.40pm

The Licensed Lay Ministers and Diocesan Clergy

2.48pm

The Cathedral Choir

2.50pm

*Verger of Durham Cathedral, other Faith Leaders, Ecumenical Guests,
the Etheldreda Canons, the County Ecumenical Officer,
Chapter of Durham Cathedral, Bishops and other clergy from Link Dioceses*

2.53pm

*Chaplains, Deans, Masters, Proctor, and the Chancellor
of the University of Cambridge*

2.55pm

*Canon Wright escorts the Mayor of Ely, other Mayors,
the Chair of Huntingdonshire District Council,
the Member of Parliament for Ely and East Cambridgeshire
and the Area Commander for South Cambridgeshire Police*

At 3.00pm a bell is rung

*All stand as the Dean escorts the High Sheriff
and His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire*

ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

Remain standing

The Dean introduces the service and invites us to pray

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

At the end of the silence the Dean says the following collect

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 Sarah our Bishop, now to be installed, 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.

All Amen.

HYMN



1

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.

3

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.

2

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless,
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

4

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.

Words: H.F. Lyte 1793-1847

Music: *Praise, my Soul* NEH 436 Sir John Goss 1800-1880

ARRIVAL OF THE BISHOP

All turn to face the West Door.

*The Bishop strikes the door three times with her Pastoral Staff.
The doors are opened.*

*A fanfare is sounded as the Bishop enters,
followed by the Vesturer of Canterbury, the Archdeacon of Canterbury,
and the Bishop's Chaplain.*

FANFARE

They are greeted by the young people, saying

We greet you in the name of Christ.
Who are you and why do you come to us?

The Archdeacon of Canterbury responds

I bring you Sarah Elizabeth Clark to be installed as your Bishop.

READING OF THE MANDATE

The Archdeacon of Canterbury says to the Dean

I bring you greetings from Sarah, our Archbishop, and present
you with her mandate for the installation.

*The Archdeacon gives the mandate to the Dean.
The Dean responds*

We welcome you to this Cathedral Church, and thank you for
bringing greetings from Sarah, our Archbishop.

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

Let the mandate be read.

The Chancellor reads the mandate and returns it to the Archdeacon.

WELCOME OF THE BISHOP

Addressing the Bishop, the young people ask

Bishop Sarah, how will you serve us?

The Bishop responds

I have been sent to serve you as your Bishop,
to proclaim the love of Christ,
and to worship with you,
that, together, we may grow in God
and, in the power of the Spirit,
bring healing and reconciliation
to a broken world.

The young people respond

We welcome you and we pray for you.
May we grow together in God.

The Dean addresses the Bishop, saying

Sarah, we have looked forward to this day with joy.
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we welcome you into your Cathedral Church.

All **We welcome you.**

The Bishop responds

With all my heart, I thank you for your welcome.
I come to this place of pilgrimage and prayer
eager to share in ministry among you.
I ask for your companionship as we journey together
through life's twists and turns.
I pray that along the way
we may encounter Christ anew
and proclaim him with joy
to a world that longs for his love.
May the peace of God our Father rest upon us,
today and always.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

*During the hymn the Ecclesiastical Procession moves to the Octagon.
The College of Canons, who elected Bishop Sarah,
proceed to their allocated seats in Choir.*



1
Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

4
I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

2
We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

5
When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

3
I will hold the Christ -light for you
in the night -time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

6 *Organ Improvisation before V6*
 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace
 to let you be my servant too.

Words: Richard A. M. Gillard b. 1953
Music: *Servant Song* A&M 604 Richard A. M. Gillard b. 1953 arr. Betty Pulkingham 1928-2019

The Archdeacon of Canterbury addresses the Bishop, saying

Bishop Sarah, I ask you now to make The Oath of Allegiance and The Oath of Due Obedience.

THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Facing the congregation and placing her right hand on the Book of the Gospels, the Bishop says

I, Sarah, Bishop of Ely 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.

THE OATH OF DUE OBEDIENCE

Facing the Archdeacon of Canterbury and placing her right hand on the Book of the Gospels, the Bishop says

In the name of God. Amen. I, Sarah, Bishop of the Church and See of Ely do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Archbishop and to the Metropolitan Church of Canterbury and to their successors: So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

THE DECLARATIONS

The Dean addresses the Bishop, saying

Bishop Sarah, having already taken the Oaths of Due Obedience and of Allegiance in the presence of the Metropolitan's representative, I now 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 Dean reads the Preface to the Declaration of Assent

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?

Facing the congregation, the Bishop replies

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

THE OATH OF FIDELITY

The Dean says to the Bishop

I now invite you to take the Oath of Fidelity to the Constitution and Statutes of this Cathedral Church.

*Placing her right hand upon the Gospel Book and facing the Dean,
the Bishop says*

I, Sarah Elizabeth Clark, by divine permission Bishop of Ely, duly elected and confirmed, do swear by almighty God that I will be a faithful pastor and true Shepherd in God to the clergy and people of this diocese, and I do solemnly declare that I will faithfully uphold and observe the Constitution and Statutes, Ordinances and Laudable Customs of this Cathedral Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity in Ely, so far as they are not contrary or repugnant to the law of God and the statutes of this Realm, and will promote such works as may be fitly done therein for the service of God and the benefit of his Church. So help me God.

Please sit.

The organist improvises.

The declaration and oaths are signed.

*The Bishop moves to kneel at the Shrine of St Etheldreda,
Queen, Founder and First Abbess of Ely,
accompanied by the Bishops of Vellore and Schleswig.*

THE ANOINTING

Bishop Nora, the Bishop of Schleswig, says

Sarah, as the Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, so may God pour upon you abundant grace, to reconcile, strengthen and sanctify God's people. May the Lord sustain you in all your works; strengthen you in holiness and righteousness; and help you to possess the hearts of your people now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

During the hymn, the Bishops of Vellore and Schleswig anoint Bishop Sarah.



Cantor
All

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart:

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

The organist improvises as the Bishop is led back to the Octagon.

THE VESTING

*At the resumption of the hymn, the Archdeacons vest the Bishop
with cope, and mitre.*

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.

Words: Bishop John Cosin 1594-1672 based on *Veni, creator Spiritus*
Music: *Veni creator (Mechlin)* Mode viii

THE INSTALLATION

The Dean says to the Archdeacon of Canterbury

Mr Archdeacon, I ask you to place Bishop Sarah in her seat according to the mandate of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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

By virtue of the Mandate of the Most Reverend **Sarah Elisabeth** 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 **Sarah Elizabeth Clark** into possession of The Bishopric of **Ely** with its rights and dignities and all its opportunities for service; and I place you in the episcopal seat of this **Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Ely**, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FANFARE

The Bishop is escorted by the Dean to her Episcopal Stall in the Choir where the College of Canons and Chapter are gathered.

The Dean places the Bishop in her stall

I, Mark Philip John Bonney, place you, Sarah Elizabeth, Bishop of Ely, in the Episcopal Stall within the Choir of this Cathedral Church as our Visitor and Shepherd.

The members of the College of Canons say

We welcome you as our Bishop and promise you our due loyalty and prayers now and in the years to come.
May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

The Bishop says

I thank you for your prayers and I pray that God's blessing will rest upon you all.

MAGNIFICAT

*The Choir sings the Magnificat
during which the Bishop returns to the Octagon dais
and is welcomed by and greets civic and ecclesiastical representatives:*

*Julie Spence OBE QPM, the Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire
Charlotte Cane, Member of Parliament for Ely and East Cambridgeshire
Lord Smith of Finsbury, the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge
John Shropshire OBE DL - Chairman of G's Fresh
The Rt Revd Peter Collins, Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia
Rachel Cope, A Young Member of Diocesan Synod*

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 showed 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. 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.

Words: Luke 1.46-55
Music: *Magnificat in C* Sir Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

THE PRESENTATION

Please stand.

At the Octagon dais, the Dean presents the Bishop to the congregation

My brothers and sisters in Christ,
I present to you Sarah,
duly installed as our Bishop.
Receive her with love and joy.

The congregation greets the Bishop with applause.

THE PEACE

The Bishop introduces the Peace

We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared.



Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people,
 light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
 Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has power to save us.
 Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
 Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.
 Make us your building, sheltering others,
 walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.
 Let us be servants to one another,
 making your kingdom come.

Isaiah 61.1-4

*Read by Dr George Woods, the Diocesan Secretary and
Chief Executive Officer of the Ely Diocese*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand*



Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

cf John 10.27

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

As you go, proclaim the good news:

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Matthew 10.7

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Read by the Revd Juliette Brown, a deacon in the Diocese of Ely

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, 'This is really the prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some asked, 'Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON *Please sit*
The Bishop

ANTHEM

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert 1593-1633
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

PRAYERS

The Bishop introduces the prayers

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

*Francis Burkitt DL, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and the Senior
Non-Executive Member of the Chapter of Ely Cathedral:*

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the generations of women
and men whom you have called to serve in new ministries.
Pour out your anointing upon Bishop Sarah, as you anointed our
foundress Etheldreda, that, steadfast in faith and abounding in
love, she may joyfully proclaim the Gospel and skilfully pastor her
flock.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*The Reverend Catherine Dixon, the Superintendent Minister for the Ely and
Newmarket Methodist Church circuit:*

Gracious God, you meet the penitent with forgiveness and grace.
Have mercy on us when we fail and fall, and teach us, we pray, to
forgive one another with generous and thankful hearts.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*Oswald Henderson, a young resident of Ely,
representing students of all ages:*

God of wonder, you give us powers of intellect and the gift of curiosity. Help us to love you with our mind, heart, soul and strength. Equip those who teach and study in our universities, colleges and schools, that, through intellectual enquiry and scientific endeavour, we may ever enrich our common life.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*Hayley Neal, the Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire ACRE,
representing the farming community:*

God of growth, you crown the year with its goodness. We thank you for the rich and fertile soil of our fenland home. Bless those who labour on the land and all who bring food to our shops and tables. Teach us to be mindful of their work and of the beauty and fragility of creation.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*Canon Simon Kershaw,
Chair of the House of Laity of Ely Diocesan Synod:*

Loving God, you look with compassion and love on our world and its people. Bring liberty to the oppressed and healing to all nations in conflict, that ruins may be restored, the fields rejoice, the cities flourish and all may find in Christ their model and guide for life.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of mission, you send us to live the good news we proclaim. Bless your people, and give to all who minister in our schools, chaplaincies and churches the power to bind up the broken hearted, to bring comfort to those in need, and to nurture hope within their communities.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Bishop concludes the intercessions

Almighty God,
who bestowed such grace upon Saint Etheldreda,
that she gave herself wholly to the service of your true religion:
mercifully grant that we who commemorate her faith
and constancy may likewise serve you faithfully all our days,
and finally by your guiding
come to the glorious fellowship of your saints,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray 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.**

PSALM 121

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

THE GIVING OF THE DIOCESAN CROSIER

The Dean hands the Bishop the Diocesan Crosier, saying

Receive this Pastoral 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, for the sake of him who gave his life for the sheep: Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

BLESSING

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

All God give you grace to follow
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Etheldreda
and all his saints in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN

*The Bishop is led to the West Door of the Cathedral
accompanied by the Dean, the Lord-Lieutenant, the High Sheriff,
the MP for Ely and East Cambridgeshire, and the Mayor of Ely.*

A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Words: French, Edmond Budry 1854-1932, tr Richard Hoyle 1875-1939
Music: *Maccabaeus* NEH 120 From *Judas Maccabaeus* by Georg Frideric Handel 1685-1759

THE BLESSING OF THE CITY AND DIOCESE

The Bishop blesses the City and Diocese

God bless this City and Diocese,
and all who live and work here.
May he visit you with mercy, surround you with love,
and fill your hearts with courage, strength and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

ORGAN AND BRASS VOLUNTARY

Grand Chœur Dialogué - Eugène Gigout 1844-1925 arr. Juhn Kuzma

Please remain standing as the processions depart.

The bell ringers of St Mary's Ely commence a Quarter Peal.

A retiring collection is received for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

