



**Diocesan Eucharist and
Farewell
for Bishop Libby Lane**

30th March, 2019 at 11.00am

WELCOME

We welcome you to this service as the Diocese gives thanks for the ministry of Bishop Libby Lane as Bishop of Stockport (2015-9). This cathedral is the seat of the Bishop, Mother Church of the Diocese of Chester and the core of a Christian community which has worshipped here and worked together for over 1100 years.

Today we welcome people from across the Diocese along with Civic leaders including the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Lord Mayor of Chester and Mayors of Cheshire East, Trafford and Stockport.

DURING THE SERVICE

We warmly invite Christians of all denominations to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available from the front of the Nave distribution points - please indicate to the priest if you require one or ask at the rail. Those who prefer not to receive are invited to approach the distribution point for a personal blessing and should carry their order of service to indicate this.

Throughout this order, indications of where the congregation should stand, sit, kneel or participate are given in **red** and for guidance only; please feel free to follow your usual practice if this is different. During the service the congregation are invited to pray the words in **Bold Type**.

Please ensure that all mobile telephones and other devices are silenced before the service begins. An induction loop system is in operation: hearing aids should be switched to the 'T' position.

THE GATHERING

At 11.00am, a bell sounds all stand and sing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

- 1 I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.**

- 2 I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation,
his Baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on Cross for my salvation:
his bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself to-day.**

- 3 I bind unto myself to-day
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.**

- 4 I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.**

*Atomriug undiu niurt tren
Patrick of Ireland (attributed) (c386-c460)
Cecil Frances Alexander (née Humphreys) (1818-95)*

ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE
Anonymous Irish

GREETING

Bishop Libby says

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts,
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.
Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God sing praises to God.
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty
who was, and is, and is to come.

All sit

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Archdeacon Ian says

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Your righteousness, Lord, is like the strong mountains,
and your judgements are like the great deep.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

With you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Save us Lord. Continue your steadfast love to those who love you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Bishop Libby says

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in
his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Chris Wood, Assistant Director of Foxhill, says

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

2. 1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

As the Procession moves to the centre of the Nave, all stand and turn to face the Gospel

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

4. 7-15

Glory to you, O Lord.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit

DRAMA FROM BISHOPS' BLUECOAT HIGH SCHOOL

ANTHEM

Thou that hast given so much to me
give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
as if thy blessings had spare days:
but such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.
Thou that hast given so much to me
give one thing more, a grateful heart.
I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ

George Herbert (1593-1632)

Mary Plumstead (1905-80)

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by pupils from Ecclestone Church of England Primary School

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

PEACE

The Bishop says

Jesus said 'If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink.'

John 7. 37

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

during which the altar is prepared with gifts of bread and wine; a collection is taken and will be shared between the Children's Society, the Chester Clergy Family Trust and the Diocesan Links with Congo and Melanesia

- 1 **God comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shrivelled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred,
a pulse of being stirred.**
- 2 **God comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart;
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart,
of night within the heart.**
- 3 **God comes to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam;
yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home,
a voice to call us home.**
- 4 **God comes in love as once He came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name
for every child of earth,
for every child of earth.**

**5 God comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
the Christ in all the Scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour and our Lord,
our Saviour and our Lord.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

REPTON
C Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Bishop Libby says

God of living water, welling up to eternal life,
send your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may bring sustenance and renewal
to all who receive them; in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

The choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:
**when we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

Bishop Libby says

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

AGNUS DEI

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

After the Bishop and other clergy present have taken the sacrament, all are invited to come forward to receive communion. Remain seated as the Cathedral choir sings the motet and the band of All Saints' Marple lead the songs

COMMUNION MOTET

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence.

Jeremiah 29. 13

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

COMMUNION SONGS

- 1** Thank you for saving me;
what can I say?
You are my everything,
I will sing your praise.
You shed your blood for me;
what can I say?
You took my sin and shame,
a sinner called by name.

*Great is the Lord.
Great is the Lord.
For we know your truth has set us free;
you've set your hope in me.*

- 2** Mercy and grace are mine,
forgiv'n is my sin;
Jesus, my only hope,
the Saviour of the world.
'Great is the Lord,' we cry;
God, let your kingdom come.
Your word has let me see,
thank you for saving me.

*Great is the Lord.
Great is the Lord.
For we know your truth has set us free;
you've set your hope in me.
Thank you for saving me; what can I say?*

Martin J Smith (born 1970)

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**1 Oh, how could it be
that my God would welcome me
Into this mystery?
Say, "take this bread, take this wine"
now the simple made divine
for any to receive.**

**2 Lord, we remember You
and remembrance leads us to worship;
and as we worship You
our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation.
We remember You.**

*By Your mercy we come to Your table,
by Your grace You are making us faithful.*

**3 See His body, His blood
know that He has overcome;
every trial that we face
none too lost to be saved.
None too broken or ashamed
all are welcome in this place.**

**Dying, You destroyed our death
rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory!
Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

*Matt Redman (born 1974)
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**1 Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.**

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God;
and You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

**And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.**

- 2 King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came
to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

*Tim Hughes (born 1978)
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Libby says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FAREWELL SPEECHES AND PRESENTATION

Representatives from the Diocese and Region, along with the Bishop of Chester, will address the congregation in thanks for Bishop Libby's ministry among us. This includes messages from the schools and children reflecting on Bishop Libby's work with them

Bishop Peter then says

God of our beginnings and endings, we celebrate all we have experienced
in Bishop Libby's leadership, care, example and love.
We ask your blessing on her, as she continues on her journey to serve Christ
with the people of Derbyshire.
May we live out the example and the insights Libby has shared.
May the power of your presence bless this time of her leave-taking.
This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

All stand

THE COMMISSION AND SENDING OUT

Lucy Brewster, Reader, St Matthew's Edgeley says to everyone

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.
Therefore, I ask:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

BLESSING

Bishop Libby says

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Archdeacon Ian says

Go into the world to walk in God's light,
rejoice in God's love and reflect God's glory.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

- 1 Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining,
piercing the doubt and darkness of our world.
Walking in trust, we find the way inclining
to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.**
- 2 Faith overcomes! The truth of God, unfolding
Wisdom and Word, in cosmic time and space,
dwells in a single life for our beholding:
eternal glory in a human face.**
- 3 Faith overcomes! In Jesus God is teaching,
healing, forgiving, loving to the end;
to all who know him not his arms outreaching
from Calv'ry's cross, our Shepherd and our Friend.**
- 4 Faith overcomes! The life of Christ, abundant,
spent and exhausted in the hour of death,
bursts from the tomb in mystery triumphant,
makes us alive through his own Spirit's breath.**
- 5 Faith overcomes! Christ's witnesses have spoken:
we have not seen, yet now we dare believe
in him is freedom, peace and joy unbroken,
a gift to share with all who will receive.**
- 6 Faith overcomes! In Jesus' love abiding,
we yield ourselves to follow his commands,
willing to suffer for his name, confiding
our needs and hopes and fears into his hands.**

Christopher Jones (1954-2013)
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HIGHWOOD
Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Procession moves to the South Transept for the Reception to which all are welcome

Holy Week and Easter

Special services at Chester Cathedral

Palm Sunday

14 APRIL

- 10am Processional Palm Sunday Service
6.30pm Service of Music and Readings for Holy Week

Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week

15 - 17 APRIL

- 12.30pm Holy Communion
7.30pm Compline Address

Maundy Thursday

18 APRIL

- 11am Chrism Service and Renewal of Vows
8pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist commemorating the Last Supper followed by a Watch Good Friday

Good Friday

19 APRIL

- 12noon The Preaching of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross with Ante Communion
8pm The Crucifixion by John Stainer

Holy Saturday

20 APRIL

- 8pm Confirmation and First Eucharist of Easter with the Bishop of Chester

Easter Day

21 APRIL

- 8am Holy Communion
10am Festival Eucharist with the Bishop of Chester
11.45am BCP Eucharist
3.30pm Festival Evensong
6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols for Easter

All welcome.



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