

THE CATHEDRAL  
AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH  
OF ST PETER IN YORK



Introducing the new  
Archbishop of York

Thursday 9 July 2020  
at 12.00 noon



## Introduction

*A collage of music and images.*

## The Charge to the New Archbishop

*The Bishop of Newcastle summarises the Charge which has been issued at the Confirmation of Election.*

Stephen, beloved in Christ, as Archbishop of York, you have been charged to serve and care for the flock of Christ, you have been charged with refreshing the witness and mission of the Church and ensuring the church is a safe place for all people. You have been charged to promote the unity of the whole church and encourage us to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world. You have been charged to be a voice for the voiceless, to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The Archbishop of York responds:*

I have accepted this Charge.

By the help of God,  
with trust in Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and in the strength of the Holy Spirit,  
I will faithfully endeavour to honour this mission.

## Reading

*Students from across the Northern Province offer the new Archbishop some advice. Their words are taken from Alcuin's letter to Archbishop Adelhard of Canterbury about the ministry of a Bishop.*

- Voice 1* Almighty God grant all go well with thee.  
*Voice 2* Be an honour to the Church,  
*Voice 3* follow Christ's word,  
*Voice 4* clear in thy task and careful in thy speech.  
*Voice 5* Be thine an open hand,  
*Voice 6* a merry heart.  
*Voice 7* Christ in thy mouth,  
*Voice 8* live that all may know thee a lover of righteousness and compassion.  
*Voice 9* Let none come to thee and go sad away.  
*Voice 10* Hope of poor men,  
*Voice 11* and solace to the sad,  
*Voice 1* go thou before God's people to God's realm,  
*Voice 2* that he who follows thee may come to the stars.  
*Voice 3* Sow living seeds, words that are quick with life,  
*Voice 4* that faith may be the harvest in men's hearts.  
*Voice 5* In word and in example let thy light shine in the dark like the  
morning star.  
*Voice 6* Let not the wealth of the world  
*Voice 7* nor its dominion  
*Voice 8* flatter thee into silence as to truth,  
*Voice 9* nor king,  
*Voice 10* nor judge,  
*Voice 11* yea, nor thy dearest friend  
*Voice 1* muzzle thy lips from righteousness.

*Alcuin of York (735–804)*

## Psalm 46

*The verses from the Psalm were recorded remotely by members of St Martin's Voices.*

God is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.

*Psalm 46.1-5, 7*

## Scripture Reading

*read by Rebecca Cottrell*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

*Romans 5.1-5.*

## My Hope Is Built

*A performance by students and staff of Manor Academy (York), co-ordinated by Dave Lowe*

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,  
weak made strong in the Saviour's love;  
through the storm he is Lord,  
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
oh, may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

*Words and Music* Edward Mote (1797–1874) and Hillsong Worship

# Hope for the Future

*A talk by the Archbishop of York*

## The Call

*sung by York Minster Choir, directed by Robert Sharpe*

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* Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)

## Prayers of Intercession

FOR THE ARCHBISHOP

*led by the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean of York*

Generous God, we give you thanks and praise:  
for you have heard our prayer,  
guided your people,  
and raised up Stephen to serve you.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
grant him good counsel, holy insight,  
and joy in the gospel,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*led by the Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town*

Eternal God,  
we pray for your Church  
dispersed over all the world:  
through our life together  
the voice of prayer is never silent.  
Renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love,  
And unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

FOR THE DIOCESE OF YORK

*led by Will Ellis*

Gracious God,  
we pray for the Diocese of York  
For our mission and vision,  
that we may grow into the likeness of Christ,  
and witness to him in our communities.  
Sustain us in this calling,  
keep us firm in the hope you have set before us  
and grant us joy as we journey onwards.  
In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

FOR THE NORTHERN PROVINCE

*led by the Venerable Karen Lund, Archdeacon of Manchester*

Almighty God,  
We pray for the Church in these northern lands,  
that we may proclaim with one voice  
the one who made earth and skies,  
who comes with righteousness and love,  
bringing salvation to all your people.  
May your church in the north  
be as a light set upon a hill  
giving light and hope to all people.  
In the name of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

FOR THE WIDER WORLD IN ALL OF ITS NEED

*led by Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete*

Merciful God,  
We pray for our world,  
in all of its need, pain and confusion.

We pray for the broken hearted  
and all who are brought low  
through fear, grief, poverty and injustice.

We pray for an end to all forms of prejudice, racism and hatred.

Loving God,  
break down those barriers  
which divide us one from another,  
and teach us to love one another  
as children made in your image.  
Amen.

FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*led by the Revd Rachel Bailes, Hospital Chaplain, York*

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill,  
afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
In their darkness, be their light;  
We pray for all who have died,  
And all those who mourn,  
That they may be embraced in your love.  
Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*led by Year 6 children from St Martin's Church of England Primary School*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Blessing

*given by the Archbishop of York*

May the love of our good and generous God  
guide and protect you;  
may the hope of the gospel sustain you  
and bring you joy;  
when you are lost or lonely,  
when the road ahead seems hard,  
or when the darkness gathers,  
may the light and peace of Christ be yours;  
and the blessing of Almighty God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## The Prayer of St Alcuin

*sung by York Minster Choir*

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts;  
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;  
Eternal Power, be our support;  
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;  
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength  
we may seek your face  
and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence'  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words* Alcuin of York (735–804) ♦ *Music* Humphry Clucas (*b.* 1941)