

Evening Prayer with the Installation of Lay Canons



Sunday 20 September 2020
4.30 pm

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral

Welcome to Evensong at the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

Honorary and lay canons are respectively members of the clergy and laity whose service to the diocese it is desired to honour. They are members of the Greater Chapter of the Cathedral, which meets to discuss and advise upon matters connected to the Cathedral. More widely, the honorary and lay canons seek to contribute to the corporate life of the Cathedral and to promote its mission and service in the diocese.

An ecumenical canon is appointed in furtherance of the Christian ecumenical ministry of the cathedral.

During the service today the following are to be installed

Lay Canons

Mrs Jill Pilling

Ms Susie Mapledoram

Jill Pilling:

Jill served as teacher and Head teacher at Bishop Bridgeman School before moving to her current role as Executive Principal and CEO of the Bolton and Farnworth CE Primary Multiacademy Trust. Jill was an inspirational Head at Bishop Bridgeman School and led them to a position of great strength in every aspect of school life. She is now leading the work of the Trust in an equally inspirational way and has ensured through her hard work, vision and commitment to the Trust having the best of starts. Her work around Ethos Groups and the impact such groups can have on our CE schools has been nationally recognised and celebrated, not least for the ways in which it has enabled a very deep commitment to community cohesion across the rich diversity of Bolton. As an ALM she has done some pioneering work around the Church in School initiative which has produced great fruit locally. Jill makes a significant contribution to the governance structures of the diocese through the Bishop's Council, the Board of Education, the Children Changing Places Board together with her work as a member of her PCC and as a Churchwarden. Jill is held in high regard within the educational establishment and recognised as a highly gifted practitioner and a leader in her field.

Susie Mapledoram:

Susie has been our Diocesan Youth Officer for over 10 years and has brought an enormous amount to the church's ministry with and to young people.

She is held in high regard across the rich diversity of the diocese and her work in training and supporting youth workers, developing young leaders through our Isonen programme and her work with young people through such things as the school pilgrimages to Taize and the Confirmation Camps to Tampere are truly inspirational. Her ministry to and with our young people and their leaders is life changing for so many of those Susie works with. She has done a great deal to extend and strengthen the links that we enjoy with the Diocese of Tampere where she is held in great respect and affection, as she is here in Manchester. Susie is also involved in her own parish's ministry with young people, is a serving Churchwarden and served as a member of the Scargill Council at the time when it was refounded.



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The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.
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Have you turned off your mobile phone?

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone and any other electronic equipment that might interrupt the service.

Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE SERVICE

Face masks are to be worn at all times.

**All direct interaction is to be avoided with those not in your household or bubble, maintaining a two-metre distance.
Recorded music will be played before and after the service,
please refrain from singing, thank you.**

Large-print copies of this service are also available.

Welcome

The Dean welcomes the congregation.

The Presentation

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

All **And also with you.**

The Bishop introduces the service.

A verger leads the Lay Canons-designate to the Bishop, accompanied by the Canon Márcia Wall.

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you

Jill Pilling
Susie Mapledoram
to be admitted and installed as Lay Canons
of this Cathedral Church.

Bishop Thank you for your presentations.

Collation and Installation

The Bishop proceeds with the Collation.

The new Canons kneel before the Bishop, who prays for them.

Bishop Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 who inspires men and women in the service of your Church;
 give to these your servants grace and power to serve you
 faithfully on the Greater Chapter of this Cathedral Church,
 that your kingdom may be advanced
 and your love may be proclaimed,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

The new Canons stand; the Bishop then invites the Dean to proceed with the Installations.

The congregation remains seated as the Dean, Canon Precentor and new Lay Canons move to the Quire

The Installation

Canon Márcia Wall

Mr. Dean, on behalf of the Chapter, I, Márcia Wall,
Canon Residentiary of this Cathedral Church, present
to you

Jill Pilling
Susie Mapledoram

to be installed as Lay Canons of this Cathedral
Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in Manchester.

The Dean leads each, in turn to their stall. The Dean says

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, following the lawful mandate of the Bishop of this
Diocese, and with the assent of the Chapter of this
Cathedral, I, Rogers Govender, Dean of this Cathedral
Church, assign you,

Jill Pilling and Susie Mapledoram

a stall in this Quire.

I induct you into the possession of an Lay Canonry in this
Cathedral Church.

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from
this time forth and evermore.

May God the Father enlighten you with the radiance of his
truth. May the good Spirit of God fill you with reverence,
strength and tranquility. May our Lord Jesus, who walks with
his disciples, be the guide of your journey, both now and for
ever.

All **Amen.**

The Dean, Canon Precentor and new Lay Canons return to the Nave.

All O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
 you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
 and bless the Lord.

3 The Lord who made heaven and earth
 give you blessing out of Zion.

Psalm 134

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning is now
 and shall be for ever. Amen.**

 That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
 let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

 As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
 so may your mercy come down upon us
 to cleanse our hearts
 and set us free to sing your praise
 now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody 119. 113-136

113 I hate those who are double-minded, ♦
but your law do I love.

**114 You are my hiding place and my shield ♦
and my hope is in your word.**

115 Away from me, you wicked! ♦
I will keep the commandments of my God.

**116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, ♦
and let me not be disappointed in my hope.**

117 Hold me up and I shall be saved, ♦
and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

**118 You set at nought those who depart from your statutes, ♦
for their deceiving is in vain.**

119 You consider all the wicked as dross; ♦
therefore I love your testimonies.

**120 My flesh trembles for fear of you ♦
and I am afraid of your judgements.**

121 I have done what is just and right; ♦
○ give me not over to my oppressors.

**122 Stand surety for your servant's good; ♦
let not the proud oppress me.**

123 My eyes fail with watching for your salvation ♦
and for your righteous promise.

**124 O deal with your servant according to your faithful love ♦
and teach me your statutes.**

125 I am your servant; ○ grant me understanding, ♦
that I may know your testimonies.

**126 It is time for you to act, ○ Lord, ♦
for they frustrate your law.**

127 Therefore I love your commandments ♦
above gold, even much fine gold.

**128 Therefore I direct my steps by all your precepts, ♦
and all false ways I utterly abhor.**

129 Your testimonies are wonderful; ♦
therefore my soul keeps them.

**130 The opening of your word gives light; ♦
it gives understanding to the simple.**

131 I open my mouth and draw in my breath, ♦
as I long for your commandments.

**132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, ♦
as is your way with those who love your name.**

133 Order my steps by your word, ♦
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

**134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors ♦
so that I may keep your commandments.**

135 Show the light of your countenance upon your servant ♦
and teach me your statutes.

**136 My eyes run down with streams of water, ♦
because the wicked do not keep your law.**

Faithful God,
let your word be the treasure of our hearts,
that we may delight in your truth
and walk in the glorious liberty of your Son Jesus Christ.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

First Lesson

Ezekiel 33.23,30 - 34.10

Read by Jill Pilling

The word of the Lord came to me:

As for you, mortal, your people who talk together about you by the walls, and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to a neighbour, 'Come and hear what the word is that comes from the Lord.' They come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but they will not obey them. For flattery is on their lips, but their heart is set on their gain. To them you are like a singer of love songs, one who has a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; they hear what you say, but they will not do it. When this comes—and come it will!—then they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

At the end

Here ends the first lesson.

The lesson is followed by a moment of silence for prayerful reflection.

Canticle

Refrain:

All **Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

- 1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
whose judgements are true and just.
- 2 Praise our God, all you his servants,
all who fear him, both small and great.
- 3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns:
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
- 4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come
and his bride has made herself ready.
- 5 Blessed are those who are invited
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b

All **To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

All **Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Second Lesson

Acts 26.1,9-25

Read by Susie Mapledoram

Agrippa said to Paul, 'You have permission to speak for yourself.' Then Paul stretched out his hand and began to defend himself:

'Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

'With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions.

When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.” I asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord answered, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

‘After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.’

While he was making this defence, Festus exclaimed, ‘You are out of your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you insane!’ But Paul said, ‘I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth.

At the end

Here ends the second lesson.

The lesson is followed by a moment of silence for prayerful reflection.

Minister The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 the Lord is the strength of my life.

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 the Lord is the strength of my life.**

Minister The light shines in the darkness
 and the darkness has not overcome it.

All **The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Minister Glory to the Father, and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit.

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 the Lord is the strength of my life.**

from Psalm 27 and John 1

Gospel Canticle

Refrain:

All **You have done great things, O God,
 and holy is your name.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
 he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
 the Almighty has done great things for me
 and holy is his name.
3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
 from generation to generation.
4 He has shown strength with his arm
 and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
 and lifting up the lowly.
6 He has filled the hungry with good things
 and sent the rich away empty.
7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
 to remember his promise of mercy,
8 The promise made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning is now
 and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Refrain:

All **You have done great things, O God,
 and holy is your name.**

Prayers

The Rev'd Steven Hilton

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

All Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

The Collect for the Day

Minister God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
 upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
 grant that your people may be fervent
 in the fellowship of the gospel
 that, always abiding in you,
 they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.**

The Welcome

The Right Rev'd Dr David Walker,
Bishop of Manchester

The Bishop welcomes the newly-installed Lay Canons. Welcome is also offered on behalf of the Cathedral by the Dean and the Diocese by the Director of Education, Deborah Smith; they then return to their places.

The Blessing

Bishop The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
 the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his
 service,
 the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

**PLEASE LEAVE THE BUILDING PROMPTLY
TAKING YOUR ORDER OF SERVICE WITH YOU.
THANK YOU.**