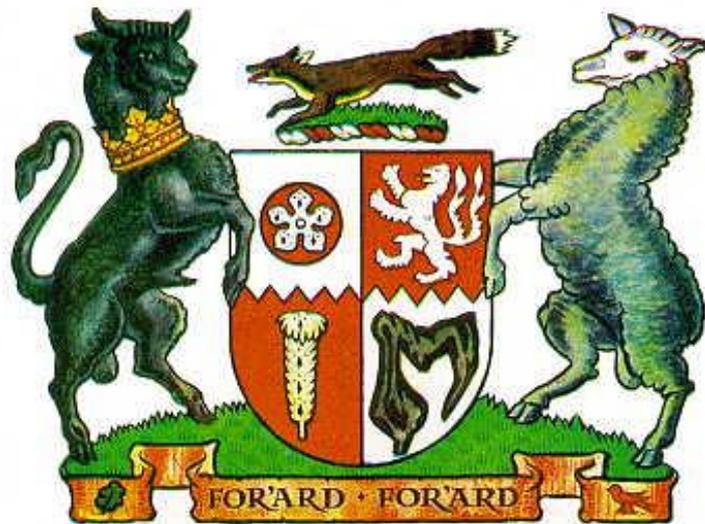




**Leicester Cathedral**  
*A beating heart for City and County*

# **THE COUNTY SERVICE FOR LEICESTERSHIRE**



**3.00pm**  
**Sunday 4 October 2020**

*All sing*

## **The Hymn**

*Each of the last two lines of each verse is sung twice.*

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.**

*CWM RHONDDA (AM652)  
John Hughes (1873–1932)*

*Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch  
William Williams (1717–1791)  
translated by Peter Williams (1727–1796)*

## **The Welcome**

May I warmly welcome all of you from Leicester Cathedral for this County Service. It is not possible this year for us to be gathered together in the Cathedral but nonetheless we have made arrangements so that those who would have contributed in person are able still to be part of this service on video. So I welcome especially the Lord-Lieutenant, Chairman of the County Council, and High Sheriff, as well as all who join us from near and far. Let us be sure that wherever we are, and even across the distance, we are gathered in the presence of God. In these times of uncertainty, we celebrate the continuity of service of the Chairman of the County Council and we look to the future together with hope.

Let us give thanks for the work of Leicestershire County Council, its members and officers in their contribution to the well-being of our county.

**Thanks be to God.**

Let us give thanks for all those working at all levels for their commitment, care and compassion, enterprise and imagination.

**Thanks be to God.**

Grant, O Lord, peace in our days, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, and peace among nations.

**Amen.**

## The Introduction

## The Old Testament Reading

### Isaiah 61.1–4

*Read by Michael Kapur OBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Hymn**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found –  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight –  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

## The New Testament Reading

Matthew 5.1–10, 13–16

*Read by Alison Smith MBE, High Sherriff of Leicestershire*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Address

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester

## **The Anthem**

### **Festival Jubilate**

○ be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. ○ go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

*Charles Paterson (b.1954)*

*Psalm 100*  
*tr. Myles Coverdale (1488–1569)*

*Recording from Leicester Cathedral Chamber Choir's*  
*CD The Beatific Vision on the Chorum label*

## The Poem

Put peace into each other's hands

*Read by Jane Aldred*

Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it;  
protect it like a candle-flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands,  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong – yet tender – hands  
held out in trust and blessing.  
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,  
the heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith  
in touch with those around you.  
Put peace into each other's hands:  
the Peace that sought and found you.

*Fred Kaan (1929–2009)*

*The Revd Peter Hooper leads*

## **The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

*This response is used:*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our Prayer**

*The prayers conclude:*

We unite all these our prayers,  
as we pray for the coming of God's kingdom  
in the words our Saviour Christ 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.**

## The Hymn

**Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

*NUN DANKET (AM739i)  
Melody by Johann Crüger in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1647  
harmony chiefly from Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
Lobegesang, 1840*

*Nun danket alle Gott  
Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)  
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)*

*The Dean leads*

## **The Blessing**

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, now and always.  
**Amen.**

*All sing*

## **The National Anthem**

**God save our gracious Queen,  
long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.**

NATIONAL ANTHEM  
*Thesaurus Musicus (c.1743)*

*Anonymous (c. 1745)*

*Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays the following Voluntary*

**Crown Imperial**

*William Walton (1902–1983)*

*Recording from a recital at St Alexander's Church, Wallenhorst, Germany, 2003*

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