**** PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

**ANNUAL SERVICE of**

**Dedication and**

**thanksgiving**

**for diocesan schools**

Thursday 3rd October 2024  
2.15pm

Members of the congregation are asked to take their seats by 2.00pm.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

*The Malcolm Arnold Academy Choir, The King’s (The Cathedral) School Choir, The Peterborough School Choir and Uppingham School Choir sing* ***O Clap Your Hands*** *(John Rutter).*

**Entrance Procession**

*All stand for the clergy procession. Please sit when the clergy are seated.*

*The Malcolm Arnold Academy Choir, The King’s (The Cathedral) School Choir, The Peterborough School Choir and Uppingham School Choir sing* ***I Was Glad*** *(Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry).*

**Greeting**

*The Venerable Richard Ormston welcomes the congregation and leads the service.*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

***All:* and also with you.**

**Hymn**

***Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name***

**The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes**

***Bless the Lord O my soul…***

**You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find**

***Bless the Lord O my soul*…**

**And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore**

***Bless the Lord O my soul*…**

*Words and music Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman*

**Prayers of Penitence**

***All:* Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore to us the joy of your salvation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

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.

***All:* Amen.**

**Praise**

Let everything be said and done in the name of theLord Jesus,

***All:* giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

***All:* let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:

***All:* and we shall praise your name.**

**Hymn**

**In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh**

**You are my light  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore**

**Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms**

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**My lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
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I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore**

*Words and music Chris Llewellyn and Gareth Gilkeson*

**Choir items**

*The school choirs of All Saints Church of England Primary School Northampton, All Saints Church of England Primary School Peterborough, All Saints Church of England Primary School Wellingborough, Croughton All Saints Church of England Primary School, Brixworth Church of England Primary School and William Law Church of England Primary School sing* ***There’s A Quiet Understanding*** *(Ted Smith) and* ***Yet Not I But Through Christ*** *(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson and Michael Farren).*

**Hymn**

**Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word  
Lord and let there be light.***

**Lord I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus shine…*  
As we gaze on Your kingly brightness.  
So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus shine…***

***Shine, Jesus shine…*** *Words and music Graham Kendrick*

**Reading** John 1:v1-14

*Peter Cantley, Director of Education*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough*

**Choir items**

*The Malcolm Arnold Academy Choir, The King’s (The Cathedral) School Choir, The Peterborough School Choir and Uppingham School Choir sing* ***God So Loved The World*** *(John Stainer) and* ***Ave Verum*** *(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)*

**Prayers**

*Revd Ali Wagner, Chaplain to The Malcolm Arnold Academy with pupils*

The following response will be used at the end of each prayer:

Lord in your Mercy

***All:* Hear our Prayer**

*ending with* **The Lord’s Prayer**

Asour 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.**

**Choir item**

*The Malcolm Arnold Academy Choir, The King’s (The Cathedral) School Choir, The Peterborough School Choir and Uppingham School Choir sing* ***The Hallelujah Chorus*** *from The Messiah (George Frideric Handel)*

**Presentation of Bibles & Blessing of Headteachers appointed in 2023-24**

*The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough*

Education is a vital part of the Church’s mission in sharing the Good

News of the Gospel. It recognises that all human experience

presents opportunities for developing and deepening our love and

knowledge of God and others.

As Headteachers, you have a special responsibility to ensure that everyone in your school is valued and recognised as being a child of God, uniquely gifted by him. You are also responsible for ensuring the school is rooted in Christian values and that its Christian vision impacts every aspect of school life, so that all can excel.

Will you commit yourself to this work?

**We will, with the help of God.**

Share with me in the cure of souls, which is both yours and mine

**We will, with the help of God.**

**Presentation of Bibles**

Headteachers, you are appointed to Church school leadership.  
To keep you ever mindful of the Gospel of God  
as the rule for the whole of life and leadership  
we present you each with a Bible,  
the most valuable thing that this world affords.

**Blessing**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain to joy. And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Hymn**

**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, bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;**

**Be thou still my strength and shield;  
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 of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.**

**Choir item**

*The Malcolm Arnold Academy Choir, The King’s (The Cathedral) School Choir, The Peterborough School Choir and Uppingham School Choir sing* ***Gloria*** *from St Nicholas Mass (Franz Josef Haydn)*

**Blessing**

*The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough*

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love

you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws

and to bear witness to your undying love.

You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example

that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these pupils and their teachers

and fill them with your wisdom and grace.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

***All:* Amen.**

*All stand as the procession leaves.*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Toccata* from Symphony no. 5 in F minor (*Charles-Marie Widor).*

*Many thanks to all those who have taken part in various aspects of the service, including:*

* *The Bishop Stopford School Brass Ensemble, conducted by Brad Turnbull*
* *The Malcolm Arnold Academy Choir, The King’s (The Cathedral) School Choir, The Peterborough School Choir and Uppingham School Choir, conducted by* *Simon Toyne, Martin Ratcliffe, Becky Leyton-Smith and Andrew Kennedy*
* *The All Saints CE Primary School Northampton, All Saints CE Primary School Wellingborough, All Saints CE Primary School Peterborough, Croughton All Saints CE Primary School, William Law CE Primary School and Brixworth CE Primary School Choirs accompanied and conducted by Jim Bonsor*
* *The Music Department of Peterborough Cathedral.*

***With every good wish for the school year ahead***

***from the Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral***

***and the Diocese of Peterborough***

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