

**THE CATHEDRAL
AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH
OF ST PETER IN YORK**



Choral Evensong

**with the Collation, Admission and Installation
of the Archdeacon of the East Riding**

**Sunday 11th October 2026
at 4.00pm**

THE COLLEGE OF CANONS OF YORK MINSTER

The College of Canons consists of thirty-six Honorary Canons, who are clergy and lay people from the parish churches of the Diocese of York, and eight *ex officio* members who include the Suffragan Bishops and Archdeacons appointed to the Diocese of York.

The principal function of the College is to be ‘the voice of the diocese’ in discussions with the Chapter of York, the Minster’s governing body, about the Minster’s work and to assist the Chapter in developing closer ties between the Cathedral and the parishes of the diocese. Members of the College also act as ambassadors for the Minster’s mission and ministry, bringing lively faith, rich and diverse expertise and life experiences and valuable wisdom and advice.

The College also has a statutory role to perform on behalf of the diocese pursuant to the Appointment of Bishops Act 1533 each time a new Archbishop of York is appointed, when it is required to ‘elect’ the candidate chosen by the Monarch.

The new member who is joining the College of Canons *ex officio* today is:

The Reverend Dr Timothy Patrick Kelly – Rector of The Four Towers Benefice of Walkington, Bishop Burton, Rowley and Skidby, and Area Dean of Beverley – to be Archdeacon of the East Riding.

COLLATION, ADMISSION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME to this service of Choral Evensong with Collation, Admission and Installation, the ceremonial sequence that formally appoints new members to the Minster's College of Canons. Today, one new *ex officio* member will be Collated, Admitted and Installed to the College.

Before the service, the Archdeacon-Elect makes a Declaration of Assent before the Archbishop and prescribed Oaths are sworn. The Oaths are sworn on **the York Gospels**, brought to York in about 1018 from Canterbury where they were written in about the year 1000. The book has been in the possession of the Chapter ever since and has been used since the Middle Ages for the swearing-in of members of the Cathedral's Chapter and College of Canons. The Oaths are written in various medieval hands in the flysheets, and the text of the Oaths has remained the same since the Reformation.

In the **Collation**, the Archbishop of York licenses the new Archdeacon and presents him with his Deed of Collation and hands a Mandate to the Dean, formally instructing him to proceed with the new Archdeacon's Admission and Installation to the Minster's College of Canons.

The **Admission** was historically conducted as a meeting of the College of Canons in the Minster's Chapter House. Following an ancient liturgical formula, the Dean vests the new Archdeacon with a black scarf bearing the York Minster canonical 'Cross Keys' badge, presents him with Book and Bread (representing spiritual and bodily sustenance) and formally receives him with the Kiss of Charity as a fellow member of the College of Canons of York Minster.

In the **Installation**, the Dean formally places the new Archdeacon in his assigned stall in the Quire, the traditional place of worship in the Cathedral, inducting him into his office as a member of the College of Canons. The service of Evensong then follows, emphasising that the work of the College is rooted in the Minster's primary purpose – the daily offering of worship to Almighty God.

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SERVICE

- ♦ The service is sung by the Choir of York Minster under the direction of Robert Sharpe, Director of Music and the organ is played by Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music.
- ♦ This service is being live-streamed, but care is taken to focus on the clergy and choir and not the congregation. For licensing and safeguarding reasons, please do not record this service on your own devices.
- ♦ The Chapter of York Minster is committed to the safeguarding and protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you therefore have any concerns about the welfare of a child, a young person or a vulnerable adult, or about the behaviour of someone in relation to safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact our Safeguarding Officer, Caroline Wood: Tel: 01904 559542, Mobile: 07843 339980, Email: carolinew@yorkminster.org. If you believe someone is at immediate risk of harm, please call the emergency services on 999.
- ♦ Please follow the directions of the stewards. Where “Sit” or “Stand” are indicated, these are given simply as a guide. Throughout the service please feel free to adopt the posture that is most comfortable for you.
- ♦ Please join in saying together the words printed in **bold** type and in singing the hymn.
- ♦ We are grateful for all who give to support the mission and ministry of York Minster. You can offer a gift, or set up regular giving, by using the following QR code. 10% of all giving received during this service will be given to charities York Minster supports – HOPE Africa, a charity initiated by our companion link dioceses in SA; St Philip’s Church Outreach Project in East Hull, providing food, warmth and community to one of the most deprived areas in both the Diocese of York and the UK; and a number of charities who work locally with homeless people in the City of York. Thank you for all you are able to give.
- ♦ Donations can be made via or regular giving set-up through the Parish Giving Scheme by following this QR code or calling 0333 002 1271.



At 3.55 pm, the Dean of York welcomes the congregation and gives notices.

ORDER OF SERVICE

A bell is rung in the South Quire Aisle. The Officiant and Choir sing:

O praise the Lord,
all ye servants of the Lord.

Let us pray.

O Lord open thou our lips and purify our hearts,
that we may worthily magnify thy holy name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O praise the Lord with me,
and let us magnify his name together.

Remain seated as the Choir sings the Introit:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

Words JOHN 14.27

Music Amy Beach (1867–1944)

Stand as the Procession enters the Quire.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

A Verger
The Choir of York Minster
The Director of Music

A Verger
The College of Canons of York
The Chapter of York

The Archbishop's Apparitor
The Provincial and Diocesan Registrar
The Archbishop of York
The Archbishop's Chaplain

The Archdeacon-Elect, the Presenting Canons, and Chapter Clerk wait in the Central Crossing outside the Quire Screen Gates.

PRECES

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Music Annabel Rooney (*b* 1973)

Sit.

THE COLLATION

GREETING BY THE ARCHBISHOP

Led by the Apparitor, the Archbishop and the Provincial and Diocesan Registrar move to the well of the Quire.

Led by the Chapter Clerk, the Presenting Canons escort the Archdeacon-Elect into the Quire from the Central Crossing and stand before the Archbishop.

The Presenting Canons present the Archdeacon-Elect to the Archbishop on behalf of the Chapter of York:

ARCHBISHOP Stephen,
we present to you
Timothy Patrick Kelly,
to be Collated and Licensed as Archdeacon of the East Riding, the prescribed
Declarations of Assent and Oaths having already been made before you.

The Archbishop says:

Thank you for your presentation.

Timothy,

I greet you in the name of the Lord. May your help come from the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

ALMIGHTY God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Archbishop reads the Deed of Collation.

The Archbishop presents the Archdeacon with his Deed of Collation and blesses him.

Timothy, receive authority to perform the ministry now entrusted to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

MAY the Lord look on you in mercy,
stir into flame the gift that is in you,
guide you and go with you,
inspire you to know his will and strengthen you to do it.

AND the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, now and always.

Amen.

The Dean moves to stand before the Archbishop. The Archbishop presents the Mandate to the Dean and says:

Timothy, has been collated as Archdeacon of the East Riding.

I deliver to you this Mandate requiring the Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York to induct and admit Timothy into *ex officio* membership of the College of Canons of the Cathedral.

Led by the Provincial and Diocesan Registrar, the Archbishop returns to his Throne.

THE ADMISSION

Historically, the Admissions of new Canons took place in the Minster's Chapter House, in the presence of the Minster's College of Canons, the Dean taking their place as the head of the Foundation in the Dean's stall.

The Members of the College of Canons all stand. The Apparitor and Chapter Clerk move to stand before the Dean.

The Dean says:

I call upon the Apparitor to certify that this gathering of the College of Canons has been convened in accordance with the prescribed due process.

The Apparitor says:

M^R Dean and Canons of this Cathedral Church, the prescribed Citation having been duly executed according to the tenure thereof, I do hereby certify that the College of Canons of this Cathedral Church may this day proceed to the Admission of Timothy Patrick Kelly as Archdeacon of the East Riding and *ex officio* member of the College of Canons and to his Installation and Induction therein as charged and commanded by the Mandate received from the Lord Archbishop of York.

The Dean says:

IN the name of God. Amen.

I Dominic Matthew Jesse Barrington, Clerk in Holy Orders, Dean of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York, Chair of this College – and the Members and Canons of this College now present – receive and admit you – Timothy – in the prescribed manner.

The Dean vests the new Archdeacon with his new badged black scarf, saying:

TO the Archdeaconry or Archidiaconal Dignity of the East Riding in the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York, to which you Timothy have been rightly and lawfully appointed, do we admit and invest you, together with all and singular the Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, by the delivery of Book and Bread

The Dean gives the Book and the Bread (representing spiritual and bodily sustenance) to the new Archdeacon.

and we receive you our Brother and fellow member of the College of Canons of the said Church by the Kiss of Charity.

The Dean greets the new Archdeacon with the Kiss of Charity.

W^E decree you the Stall in the Chapter House, the Stall in the Quire and the place and voice in the College of Canons of the said Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York belonging to the Archdeaconry or Archidiaconal Dignity of the East Riding, together with all and singular the Rights, Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and we decree proper Testimonials on this behalf to be made.

Stand for the Installation.

THE INSTALLATION

The Dean says:

I Dominic Matthew Jesse Barrington, Clerk in Holy Orders, Dean of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York, Chair of this College – receive you Timothy, as a fellow member of the College of Canons: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Dean places the new Archdeacon in his assigned stall, and says:

IN the name of God. **Amen.** I install you, Timothy, into the stall assigned by custom to the Archdeaconry or Archidiaconal Dignity of the East Riding, founded in this Cathedral Church, with all and singular the Rights, Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging. The Lord give you wisdom, fidelity, courtesy and love in your heart and in your deeds. **Amen.**

The Dean returns to the well of the Quire and signs the following declaration:

“This Schedule was read in the Quire of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York on the Eleventh day of October in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Six
By the undersigned, Dean of York”

Those who have taken part in the Installation return to their seats and the Evensong liturgy resumes.

Sit for the singing of the psalm but stand for the Gloria.

PSALMODY

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me ♦ thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed ♦
and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue ♦
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before ♦
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me ♦
I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit ♦
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there ♦
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning ♦
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me ♦
and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me ♦
then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day
♦ the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

Stand.

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 139. I–II

Sit.

FIRST LESSON
read by the Reverend Ruth Newton

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of Proverbs.

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

Honour the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
for the Lord reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

Here ends the First Lesson.

PROVERBS 3.1–18

Stand.

MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant Israel.

As he promised to our forefathers
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Words LUKE I. 46–55

Music EVENING SERVICE IN B FLAT, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Sit.

SECOND LESSON

read by the Archdeacon of the East Riding

The Second Lesson is taken from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

1 JOHN 3.1-15

Stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

Words LUKE 2. 29–32

Music EVENING SERVICE IN B FLAT, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

Remain standing.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE LESSER LITANY, RESPONSES AND COLLECTS

The Officiant and Choir sing:

THE Lord be with you ♦ and with thy spirit.

LET us pray.

Kneel or sit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us ♦
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King ♦
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness ♦
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people ♦
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord ♦
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us ♦
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music Annabel Rooney

Sit for the anthem sung by the Choir.

ANTHEM

THE Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them. And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvellous works. My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come; he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come; he will come and save you.

O Saviour of the World, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Words from ECCLESIASTICUS 38 and ISAIAH 35

Music Sir William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

Remain seated.

SERMON

The Archbishop of York

Stand.

HYMN



1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.
 2. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.
 3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.
 4. O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Words NEH 420, John Bode (1816–1874)

Tune WOLVERCOTE, NEH 420, William Harold Ferguson (1874–1950)

Remain standing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Archbishop concludes the service with the final blessing, saying:

MAY the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Remain as quiet as possible as the choir processes out and sings the final prayer; this is followed by the organ voluntary which concludes the service.

VOLUNTARY

Introduction and Passacaglia

Max Reger (1873–1916)

There will be an opportunity to make a donation to support the music, ministry and mission of York Minster as you leave.

If you worship regularly at York Minster, you are already a member of our community. Please help us know who you are by joining the Community Roll and by subscribing to our weekly notice sheet. Take a look online at yorkminster.org/get-involved/community or ask a steward or a member of the clergy for more information.



Some of the material in this Order of Service is reproduced from The Book of Common Prayer, the rights in which are vested in the Crown. It is reproduced by permission of the Crown's Patentee, Cambridge University Press. The texts of the Scripture readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (Anglicized edition), copyright © 1989, 1994 the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. The words of copyright hymns and songs are reproduced under CCL 270217. Copyright music is reproduced under MRL 941175. This compilation is copyright © 2026 The Chapter of York. The Chapter of York (York Minster) is a Registered Charity (Number 1201499).