



CHORAL EVENSONG

**WITH FAREWELL TO THE
BISHOP OF HULL**

**FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022
AT 5.30PM**

Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Choral Evensong. Welcome if you are a regular worshipper and know the Minster well, and welcome if you are experiencing this building and this form of worship for the first time today.

The service is sung by the Ebor Singers and the organ is played by Asher Oliver.

In this service we are immersed in the words of scripture, spoken and sung, and we are given time and space to lose ourselves in prayer and come closer to God.

At this service, we gather to say farewell to the Rt Revd Alison White as she retires as Bishop of Hull, an office she has held since her consecration as the Church of England's second female bishop in York Minster on the 3rd July 2015, in succession to the Rt Revd Richard Frith.

Alison studied English and then Theology at Durham, and went on to serve as deaconess, then deacon and later priest at Chester-le-Street and then Birtley in the Diocese of Durham. She studied for an MA in Theology through Leeds University. From 1989 to 1993 she served as Durham's Diocesan Adviser in Local Mission, and then spent 5 years as Director of Mission and Pastoral Studies at Cranmer Hall.

She was Director of Ordinands for Durham Diocese and then part of the national Springboard Team before moving to Peterborough Diocese as Adult Education Officer, also becoming a Canon of Peterborough Cathedral. In 2011 she moved to the Diocese of Newcastle, where her husband Frank had become Assistant Bishop of Newcastle. She served as Adviser for Spirituality and Spiritual Direction and Priest-in-Charge of Riding Mill. She was also honorary Canon Theologian at Sheffield Cathedral.

As Bishop of Hull she has held a particular responsibility for the care of the people, parishes and clergy in the City of Hull, across the East Riding of Yorkshire and on the Yorkshire coast as far north as Ravenscar. Across the Diocese of York as a whole, Archbishop Sentamu appointed her Ambassador for Prayer and Spirituality and for Urban Life & Faith; in this capacity she has overseen the team that has launched Mustard Seed, the Diocese of York's initiative to build new worshipping communities amongst those living in places where life is tough.

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell said, “One of the joys of becoming Archbishop of York has been the opportunity to work and worship again with Bishop Alison; she is a shining presence in the church and someone who attracts people to the God she serves and makes visible through her own gentle prayerfulness and joyful warmth—not to mention her sense of humour. She is a gift to those who come to hear her, and to those she meets to do the Lord’s work and to reach out with his love. Alison will be a hard act to follow, and she and Frank will leave with my gratitude and my prayers.”

Bishops Alison and Frank White are the first and, to date, only instance in the Church of England of bishops married to each other. Bishop Frank joined Bishop Alison in Hull on his retirement in 2016 and has made his own contribution to the running and development of Hull Minster, including a spell as interim Priest-in-Charge there prior to the present Vicar’s arrival.

Bishops Alison and Frank plan to realise their long-held ambition to settle in Northumberland.

Order of Service

A bell is rung and these prayers are sung:

Please stand as the procession enters the Nave.

Preces

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

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

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.

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

Music Richard Ayleward (1626–69)

Please sit for the singing of the psalms but stand for the final Gloria.

Psalmody

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me ♦ O give me understanding, that I
may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me ♦ because I have put my trust
in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right ♦ and that thou of very
faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort ♦ according to thy word unto thy
servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live ♦ for thy law is my
delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me ♦ but I
will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies ♦ be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes ♦ that I be not ashamed.

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 119.73–80

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgements that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be seasons of joy and gladness, and cheerful festivals for the house of Judah: therefore love truth and peace.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, the inhabitants of many cities; the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Come, let us go to entreat the favour of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.’ Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favour of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from nations of every language shall take hold of a Jew, grasping his garment and saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’

Here ends the First Lesson.

ZECHARIAH 8.16–end

Please 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 SERVICE IN F, George Dyson (1883–1964)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Matthew.

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast

out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

MATTHEW 10.1-15

Please 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 SERVICE IN F, George Dyson

Please 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 and Responses

The Lord be with you;
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

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 Queen;
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.

The Collects

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do:
Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity;
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 Richard Ayleward

Please sit.

Anthem

Beati quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are they whose way is blameless: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Words Psalm 119.1 ♦ *Music* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Sermon

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

After the sermon, please stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Tune BLAENWERN, NEH 408, William P Rowlands (1860–1937)

Please remain standing.

Praying Farewell

Bishop Alison moves to the altar where the Archbishop leads the congregation in the following prayers:

**God of our beginnings and endings,
we celebrate all we have shared with Alison and Frank,
and ask your blessing as they continue on their journeys.
May your love in our hearts
be a bond that unites us for ever,
wherever we may be.
May the power of your presence
bless this moment of our leave-taking
and guide us all on our pilgrimage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.
Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Voluntary

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens