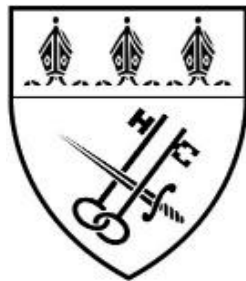


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A Service for those concerned with the  
administration of justice

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

11.30 am

# WELCOME

*Welcome to Llandaff Cathedral. At this service we celebrate and give thanks for all those whose work concerns the administration of law and justice in the Province of Wales. This Cathedral has been a site of Christian worship for over 1,500 years, and we are delighted that you are joining us here today.*

*Everything you need to follow the service is in this booklet. Please join in the singing of the hymns, as well as the text printed in **Bold**. The rubrics in this service indicating when to stand and sit are suggestions only. Please follow them as you are able. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.*



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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‡ *Please stand as the Cathedral Procession enters via the West Door.*

‡ *As the procession concludes, all sing the hymn:*



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.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace 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.

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!

Geiriau: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Cerddoriaeth: BLAENWERN  
William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

‡ *Words of welcome are offered by the Very Reverend Richard Peers, Dean of Llandaff.*

‡ *Please remain standing as the Dean leads the Bidding Prayer:*

At the beginning of the legal year, we gather in the presence of Almighty God, who is the judge of all and who knows the secrets of our hearts, to renew our commitment to the service of the Crown and of all people in the cause of justice.

We acknowledge a shared high calling, a common commitment to a justice that we all can recognise, administered without fear or favour, affection or ill will. We seek God's strength and guidance that we might remain true to our calling, subtle as we apply ourselves to the causes before us, and wise as we influence the development of the law.

We pray for The Right Honourable Alex Chalk, the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, for The Right Honourable The Lord Burnett, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and for all who make and administer the law, here in Wales, in the rest of the United Kingdom and in the other legal jurisdictions represented here today.

In this holy place, we ask God to sustain us in our life and work, to grant us humility and sound judgment, to forgive our errors, and to inspire us in our service. Here on earth may we serve more faithfully that heavenly justice in which, ultimately, we can trust alone.

So let us pray in our preferred language for the coming of God's kingdom on earth, saying, as Jesus 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.

Let us confess our sins, and seek our Father's pardon and peace:

*All* We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we done those things which we ought not to have done. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

‡ *Please sit. The First Reading is read by Mrs Justice Jefford, Presiding Judge for Wales:*

A reading from the third chapter of the First Book of Kings, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

Then there came two women who were prostitutes, to the king, and stood before him. The one woman said, "Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. It happened the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. This woman's child died in the night, because she lay on it. She arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. When I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead; but when I had looked at it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I bore". The other woman said, "No; but the living is my son, and the dead is your son". This said, "No; but the dead is your son, and the living is my son". Thus they spoke before the king. Then said the king, "The one says, 'This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead': and the other says, 'No; but your son is the dead, and my son is the living'". The king said, "Get me a sword". They brought a sword before the king. The king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other". Then spoke the woman whose the living child was to the king, (for her heart yearned over her son,) and she said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no way kill it!": but the other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it". Then the king answered, "Give her the living child, and in no way kill it: she is the mother of it". All Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice.

*1 Kings 3. 16-28*

This is the word of the Lord

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

‡ *Please remain seated as the choir sings the appointed psalmody:*

Open me the gates of righteousness:  
that I may enter into them and give them thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord:  
the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee because thou hast answered me:  
and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused:  
is become the chief corner-stone.

This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made:  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us we beseech thee O Lord:  
O Lord send us now prosperity.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord who hath shewed us light:  
bind up the sacrifice with cords, and go up to the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God and I will thank thee:  
thou art my God and I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious:  
for his mercy endureth for ever.

‡ *Please Stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Psalm 118. 19-end.

‡ *Please sit. The Second Reading is read by the Right Honourable Dame Sue Carr, Lady Chief Justice of England and Wales:*

A reading from the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the thirty-third verse.

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Matthew 21. 33-46*

This is the word of the Lord

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**



‡ Please stand to sing the hymn:

Cytgan

Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus,  
Aur y byd na'I berlau mân:  
Gofyn wyf am galon hapus,  
Calon onest, calon lân.  
*Calon lân yn llawn daioni,  
Tecach yw na'r lili dlos:  
Dim ond calon lân all ganu  
Canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

Pe dymunwn olud bydol,  
Hedyn buan ganddo sydd;  
Golud calon lân, rinweddol,  
Yn dwyn bythol elw fydd.  
*Calon lân yn llawn daioni,  
Tecach yw na'r lili dlos:  
Dim ond calon lân all ganu  
Canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

Words: John Hughes (1873-1932)

Hwyr a bore fy nymuniad  
Gwyd I'r nef ar adain cân  
Ar I Dduw, er mwyn fy Ngheidwad,  
Roddi I mi galon lân.  
*Calon lân yn llawn daioni,  
Tecach yw na'r lili dlos:  
Dim ond calon lân all ganu  
Canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

Music: CALON LÂN  
John Hughes (1872-1914)

‡ *Please sit for the Sermon, given by the Very Reverend Richard Peers, Dean of Llandaff.*

‡ *The Choir sings an Anthem:*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom  
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.  
For by me thy days shall be multiplied,  
and the years of thy life shall be increased.  
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,  
and the man that getteth understanding.  
She is more precious than rubies:  
and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.  
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct thy paths.

Words: Proverbs 3 & 9

Music: The Doctrine of Wisdom  
William Mathias (1934-92)

‡ *Please remain seated or kneel for the Prayers of Intercession, led by Mr Rhys James Esq.,  
The High Sheriff of South Glamorgan*

We pray to God our Father in faith, hope and love.

Let us pray for our nation, for its unity, peace, and concord; for Charles our King, for the members of the Royal Family and all who bear responsibility in the ordering of our common life; that justice, truth, and integrity may direct our path.

Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Let us remember the victims of crime and its perpetrators. Let us pray for those held prisoner, whether convicted or on remand; and for communities where there is anxiety and the fear of crime; praying for all that encourages social cohesion, resilience and the development of virtue.

Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who administer justice in this realm; for all judges and the tribunals judiciary, magistrates, jurors and ombudsmen; for clerks and court officials; for barristers, solicitors, chartered legal executives and all whose profession is the law. Let us pray for the police, the armed forces, the probation and the prison services, and those who maintain order in our land; that our nation may live in peace and security.

Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our fellow jurisdictions in the United Kingdom and in the nations of the Commonwealth; for all who make and administer law in nations and bodies governed by the Rule of Law.

Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **hear our prayer.**

O God, the just and merciful Judge of all humankind, look down from heaven, on these your servants, who are set by thy appointment to administer justice in this land. Grant them your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of uprightness, the Spirit of discernment and the Spirit of love, that they may boldly, discreetly, and mercifully fulfill their sacred duties, to the good of your people and the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **Amen.**

‡ *The Dean prays:*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose word alone lights the paths of justice, send down upon our judges the healthful spirit of your grace; and that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

*All*     **Amen.**

‡ *We say together the Prayer of Dedication:*

Lord God, in whom we live, move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. We offer to you all that we are and have; our thoughts and desires, our words and our deeds. Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that nothing may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it; so that in your light we may see light, and in your service, find perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡ *Please remain seated as the choir sings an Anthem:*

I sat down under his shadow with great delight,  
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and his banner over me was love.

Words: Song of Solomon 2. 3b-4

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

‡ Please stand to sing the 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,  
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 of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

Words: *Arghwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch*  
William Williams (1717-1791), tr Peter Williams (1727-1796)  
or John Williams (1754-1828)

Music: CWM RHONDDA  
John Hughes (1873-1932)

‡ *Please remain standing as the Dean pronounces the blessing:*

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

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

*All*        **Amen**

‡ *We sing the National Anthems*

Mae hen wlad fy Nhadau  
Yn annwyl i mi,  
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion  
Enwogion o fri;  
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr  
Gwladgarwyr tra mād  
Dros ryddid collasant eu gwaed:  
Gwlad, Gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad  
Tra'r môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau  
O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau

God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King!

‡ *Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*

### **Organ Voluntary**

Prelude & Fugue in D major, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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