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CHORAL EUCHARIST

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF

THE RT REV'D CHRISTOPHER CHESSUN
BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

SATURDAY 18 JULY 2026
12.00PM



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The Bishop of Southwark



DEACON

The Rev'd Jacqueline Gray, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity with St Augustine, Tooting



SUBDEACON

Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



CHOIR & MUSICIANS

The Cathedral Choir

The Community Choir

Helen Smee, Director of Music

Simon Hogan, Cathedral Organist

The Merbecke Choir

Emily Elias, Director



SETTING

Mass No. 2 in G major, D. 167

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Prelude & Fugue in C, BWV 547

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The music at today's service was chosen by Bishop Christopher.

At 11.50am, please stand as the First Procession enters.

Please remain standing for the entry of His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE.

Then, please be seated for:

THE WELCOME

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark

Please stand as the Second Procession enters.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

NEH 205



Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

TUNE: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

TEXT:

c. 7th-century Latin
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

THE GATHERING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Peace be with you
All and also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God has called us to follow Christ,
and has formed us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
to declare the wonderful deeds of him
who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Let us confess the times when we have failed to heed this call.

Silence is kept.

All God of mercy
We acknowledge that we are all sinners
We turn from the wrong that we have thought, and said, and done,
And are mindful of all we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past,
And help us to live each day
In the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of love
draw you to himself
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love and pardon
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated when the Bishop sits. The Choir sings:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
and goodwill to his people.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you,
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty,

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are Holy,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Please stand.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Romans 12.9-end

Read by **The Ven Greg Prior, Archdeacon of Croydon**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 121 • H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

Please 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.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

NEH 263



All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain

*O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

Refrain

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:

Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

Refrain

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

TEXT:

Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
tr. William Draper (1855-1933)

Please remain standing for:

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 24.13-35

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated after the Bishop has prayed the opening prayer.

THE SERMON

The Bishop of Southwark

THE CREED

Please stand.

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Bishops says:

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ
let us pray to the Father.

Please be seated or kneel.

The prayers are led by Sola Oyeleye, Ruth Reid & Michael Brockett, Lay Champions

These responses are used:

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
All in your mercy, hear us.

And at the end, the Bishop says:

You have called us to be the Bride
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.
Prepare us for the wedding feast
where we will be united with you forever.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
**All hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 2). Please use this QR code or the link to donate online.

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Bishop Christopher has asked that, after the expenses of this service have been covered, any surplus is sent to support the Diocese of Jerusalem, with whom the Bishop has a longstanding and valued relationship.

A letter from the Archbishop of Jerusalem is included at the end of this booklet.



THE OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 271



Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

R. H. Prichard (1811-1887)

TEXT:

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks
through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son
and coming among us as one who serves,
he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom
who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,
he washed the feet of his disciples,
and commanded us to do the same.

Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people
a rich diversity of gifts and ministries,
and from this royal priesthood
you raise up men and women to proclaim your word,
to care for your people
and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ.
You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed
and build up his body, the Church,
to the greater glory of your name.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

The Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

Please pray in whichever language you feel most comfortable.

**All 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.**

Baba wa...
Notre Père...
天におられる私たちの父よ...
Nna anyi...
Fader vår...
Pai nosso...
हे हमारे स्वर्गवासी पिता...
Padre nuestro...
我們在天上的父...
Отче наш...
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지...
Πάτερ ἡμῶν...
اے ہمارے باپ

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please be seated. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing, please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice.

If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Whatever your faith tradition or background, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing.

During the distribution of Communion, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord *from* The Apostles • Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things
that are sown in it to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.

Luke 4.18-19
Isaiah 61.3-11

Please stand to sing:

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

NEH 307



Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

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TEXT:

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership and service to the Church:
strengthen us who have received this holy food
to be good stewards of your manifold grace;
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THANK YOU, BISHOP CHRISTOPHER

Nicola Thomas, Diocesan Secretary

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark

THE HANDING ON OF THE DIOCESAN CROZIER

The Bishop of Southwark, the Area Bishops and the Dean move to stand before the Altar. The Dean says:

The Apostle Peter writes: 'Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising your oversight not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain, but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.'

1 Peter 5. 2-4

The Bishop addresses the congregation.

For you, I have been your bishop.

Among you, I am but a fellow Christian, seeking the love and mercy of God.

The Dean addresses the Bishop.

Bishop Christopher, at your installation you received the diocesan crozier, the symbol of pastoral care and succession. We thank you for keeping watch over the flock of which God appointed you shepherd and pray for you as you journey on.

The Bishop says to the congregation:

Dearly beloved, I thank God for the privilege of being your bishop and for our partnership in the Gospel.

The Bishop addresses the Bishop of Croydon.

Bishop Rosemarie, I now hand into your safe keeping the diocesan crozier and ask you to pray for me.

The Bishop hands the crozier to the Bishop of Croydon.

The Bishop of Southwark kneels. The Bishops of Kingston and Woolwich assist the Bishop in removing his mitre and chasuble, which are placed on the Altar.

The Choir sings:

**Ubi caritas from Quatre Motets sur des thèmes grégoriens
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)**

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est;
congregavit nos
in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur,
timeamus et amemus
Deum vivum;
et ex corde diligamus
nos sincero.

Where charity and love are,
there God is.
The love of Christ
has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him,
let us fear and love
the living God,
and love one other
with a sincere heart.

Please stand.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop of Croydon, The Rt Rev'd Dr Rosemarie Mallett

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 among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Bishop of Southwark receives his own pastoral staff from his Chaplain and turns to face the congregation, which greets him with applause.

Please remain standing for:

THE DISMISSAL

Matthew 28.19-20

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

All Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN

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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.

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.

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.

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.

TUNE: WOLVERCOTE

William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

TEXT:

John Bode (1816-1874)

THE VOLUNTARY

Toccata • Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Thank you for joining us on this special occasion.

Refreshments will now be served in the Churchyard.

*Please leave the Cathedral by the North West doors and the Millennium Courtyard.
Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you
have not set up a regular payment. We look forward to welcoming you back.*

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June 18, 2026

The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun
Bishop of Southwark

Dear Bishop Christopher,

My Brother in Christ: greetings to you from the Holy City of Jerusalem in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It was with a profound sense of both celebration and deep emotion that we received the news of your upcoming retirement this August, marking the conclusion of 43 years of faithful ordained ministry—including over two decades of tireless episcopal oversight in the Diocese of Southwark. On behalf of the clergy, laity, and the entire family of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, I offer you our warmest congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone.

Your tenure as the Bishop of Southwark has been defined by the very qualities noted by your colleagues: breathtaking care, deep pastoral sensitivity, and a steadfast commitment to encouraging those called to demanding ministries. Yet your pastoral heart has never been confined by geographic borders. Here in Jerusalem, we have been the direct beneficiaries of your global vision and deep Christian love.

We are profoundly grateful for your unwavering faithfulness to the companion diocese partnership between Jerusalem and Southwark. This bond has not merely been one of institutional connection, but a living, breathing fellowship of solidarity and prayer. Through your leadership, the annual Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call has provided vital, tangible support to our ministries, schools, and humanitarian institutions, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals throughout our diocese.

I am particularly mindful of your courageous presence during my installation as Archbishop in 2021. At a time when regional tensions ran deeply high and the challenges of travel and security were formidable, you chose to stand beside us. Your presence as a concelebrant at St. George's Cathedral was a profound, visible sign of solidarity that our people will never forget. It demonstrated that the bond between Southwark and Jerusalem is forged not just in moments of peace, but in the crucible of shared adversity.



*The Most Reverend Hosam E. Naoum
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem
The Fifteenth Bishop of the Episcopal
Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem*



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Furthermore, I wish to express our deepest gratitude for your courageous and persistent voice in the House of Lords. In a world that often overlooks the struggles of the “living stones,” your steadfast advocacy on behalf of Palestinian Christians has been a powerful beacon of hope. You have consistently used your platform to shine a light on their plight, demanding justice, dignity, and peace for the Christian community and all inhabitants of the Holy Land. Your voice has given strength to the weary and comfort to the vulnerable.

As you prepare for your final service at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, 18 July, please know that you go with the prayers and deep affection of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Jerusalem. You have strengthened the partnerships in the Gospel sacrificially, and we thank God for your ministry daily.

May our Lord bless you abundantly as you enter this next chapter of your journey, and may He grant you and your loved ones a retirement filled with health, joy, and deep peace.

In Christ,

The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam E. Naoum
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem
Primate and President Bishop,
The Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East

SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

making space for love
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames, in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie ('over-the-river'). With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation, the Priory became a parish church, and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the Cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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