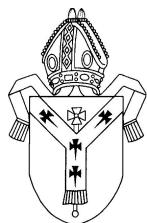




# Confirmation of the Election of The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally DBE as the 106<sup>th</sup> Lord Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of All England and Metropolitan



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
11.00 am

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The Bible readings at this service are for today's feast of St Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274.

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## Preface

The legal process of confirmation of the election of the new Archbishop of Canterbury is set within today's act of worship.

The election of their diocesan bishop is an important matter for the people of a diocese. Fortunately, the modern system of appointment allows for participation by the diocese (and in this case, the wider Province of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion) in the selection of the candidate. The diocese of Canterbury is now awaiting its new bishop and the province its new archbishop.

The appointment of a diocesan bishop is also a matter for the wider Church. Since at least the fourth century it has been a fundamental principle that confirmation of an episcopal election by the metropolitan on behalf of the wider Church is necessary. Thus Canon 4 of the First Council of Nicaea (AD325) provided, 'But in every province the ratification of what is done should be left to the Metropolitan'. The act of confirmation is legally very important because it confers upon the archbishop the spiritual jurisdiction over the diocese by committing to him or her 'the care, government and administration of the spirituals' of the bishopric. It is, therefore, the confirmation of the election which makes the archbishop-elect into the bishop of the diocese of Canterbury and thereby the archbishop of the province.

The wording used in the process of confirmation has a long history. Before the eighteenth century it was in Latin, but in about 1733 an English translation was introduced. Today a somewhat modernised version is being used, although its origins in mediaeval canon law remain evident.

The Archbishop of York and his fellow bishops (as Commissaries of His Majesty The King), with the assistance of the Vicar General of the Province, sitting as a court of law, have to decide whether the procedural steps have been properly carried out so that the election of the new Archbishop can be confirmed.

There are several stages in the proceedings:

- First, in accordance with statute law there is the direction from His Majesty The King to the Commissaries in the form of Letters Patent requiring them to arrange the confirmation of the Archbishop's election.
- Secondly, the Advocate will introduce the Archbishop-Elect, and the Proctor will prove to the Court that all the necessary procedures have been complied with and that therefore no objections should be permitted to be heard.
- Thirdly, the Archbishop-Elect will take the oath of allegiance and make the declaration of assent.
- Fourthly and finally, the Archbishop of York will read the sentence or decree of the Court, which confers upon the Archbishop of Canterbury the spiritual jurisdiction over the diocese and province.

The conclusion of the confirmation of election will mark the moment at which the legal functions of office become vested in the new Archbishop.

### Music before the service

*Prelude in E flat major (BWV 552i)*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Cantilène from Suite Brève*

Jean Langlais  
(1907-91)

*Psalm Prelude (Set 2, No 3)*

“Sing unto Him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise”

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

*At 10.42 am, remain seated as the Diocesan Bishops proceed from St Dunstan's Chapel to their seats in the Quire.*

*At 10.45 am, remain seated as the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens of the City of London is received at the North Transept Door by the Dean of St Paul's and is introduced to the Dean of Canterbury. The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens is then conducted to his seat.*

*At 10.48 am, remain seated as the Choir, the Headteacher, the Minor Canons, the Priest Vicar, the Chaplain to the Bishop of London, the Cathedral Officers, and the College of Canons of St Paul's Cathedral proceed from the Dean's Aisle to their seats under the Dome and in the Quire.*

*At 10.49 am, remain seated as the Chapters of St Paul's and Canterbury Cathedrals proceed from the Dean's Aisle to their seats in the Quire.*

*At 10.50 am, the Chaplain lays the Primatial Cross of Canterbury on the Altar in the Quire.*

*At 10.53 am, the Archbishop of York, the Archbishop of Canterbury-Elect, the Royal Commissioners, the Legal Officials, and the Chaplains proceed to the Font at the west end of the Cathedral.*

*At 10.55 am, remain seated as the Dean of St Paul's welcomes the congregation.*

*At 10.58 am, remain seated as the Consent takes place.*

## Processional Order

A Virger

The Crucifer and Acolytes

Archbishop-Elect

The Chaplain

A Virger

Advocate

Proctor for The College of Canons of Canterbury

Provincial Registrar

Vicar-General

A Virger

The Bishop of Peterborough

The Bishop of Derby

The Bishop of Lincoln, *Vice Chancellor of the Province of Canterbury*

The Bishop of Rochester, *Cross Bearer of the Province of Canterbury*

The Bishop of Worcester, *Chaplain of the Province of Canterbury*

The Bishop of Salisbury, *Precentor of the Province of Canterbury*

The Bishop of Winchester, *Chancellor of the Province of Canterbury*

The Primatial Cross of York

Archbishop of York

*Primate of England and Metropolitan*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please join in all texts printed in **bold**, and stand and sit as you feel able to do so.*

## The Welcome

*given by*

The Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett,  
Dean of St Paul's

## Consent

*The law requires that the Proctor (representative) of the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ Canterbury produces a certificate of the Archbishop's election, and that the Archbishop-Elect should give her consent to her election being confirmed. This will take place by the Font near the west entrance.*

*The Proctor addresses the Archbishop of York*

Archbishop Stephen, I respectfully ask that this Court shall witness the formal consent of the Archbishop-Elect.

*The Archbishop of York responds*

You may proceed.

*The Proctor addresses the Archbishop-Elect*

Bishop Sarah, I exhibit my Proxy of the College of Canons of the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ, Canterbury, and present a Certificate of your being elected to be Archbishop and Pastor of the See of Canterbury and pray that you will be pleased to give your consent to the said Election.

*The Archbishop-Elect reads the Schedule of Consent. The Schedule is signed by the Archbishop-Elect, and witnessed by the Advocate.*

*Stand*

**Hymn**

*during which the Royal Commissioners and the Legal Officials proceed to their seats, and the Archbishop-Elect is greeted by the Dean who escorts her to her seat in the Quire.*

**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 her 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 blessèd 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.**

Words: Latin, 7<sup>th</sup>-century  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: Westminster Abbey  
adapted from Henry Purcell (1659-95)

## The Greeting

given by

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell,  
The Lord Archbishop of York

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

We come to worship God, who in Christ has created and redeemed us, and calls us to his service. Today we come together to welcome Bishop Sarah Mullally, to pray for her, for Eamonn, her husband, and to ask God's blessing on the Diocese of Canterbury of which she is to be pastor and servant, and on the whole life and ministry of Christ's Church as we confirm her election as Archbishop.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose grace alone  
we are accepted and called to your service:  
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Sit*

## The Old Testament Reading

*read by*

Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley,  
Lord Mayor Locum Tenens of the City of London

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. May God grant me to speak with judgement, and to have thoughts worthy of what I have received; for he is the guide even of wisdom and the corrector of the wise. For both we and our words are in his hand, as are all understanding and skill in crafts.

Wisdom 7.7-10, 15, 16

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The New Testament Reading

*read by*

Leslie and Camila,  
Students from The Urswick School, Hackney

*This will be read in both Portuguese and English. The Diocese of London shares long standing companion links with the Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola through ALMA (the Angola London Mozambique Association). Urswick was the first school Bishop Sarah visited as Bishop of London. The reading is given in Portuguese by students of The Urswick School to honour these partnerships, which Bishop Sarah has valued during her ministry in London.*

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Tenho ainda muito que lhes dizer, mas vocês não o podem suportar agora. Mas quando o Espírito da verdade vier, ele os guiará a toda a verdade. Não falará de si mesmo; falará apenas o que ouvir, e lhes anunciará o que está por vir. Ele me glorificará, porque receberá do que é meu e o tornará conhecido a vocês. Tudo o que pertence ao Pai é meu. Por isso eu disse que o Espírito receberá do que é meu e o tornará conhecido a vocês.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16. 12-15

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral sings*

## Anthem

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.

Words: Isaiah 61. 1-3, 11

Music: from *The Apostles*  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

## The Affirmation

*The Archbishop-Elect proceeds to the Dais to stand before the Archbishop of York, who addresses her, saying*

My sister in Christ, it has pleased God to call you to be the shepherd and chief pastor of the Diocese of Canterbury and archbishop of the province. I am sure that long before now you have laid to heart the high trust and weighty obligations of this office. But, in order that this congregation may know your commitment to fulfil this trust, I remind you of those things given at your consecration and call upon you to re-affirm the promises that you made when you were ordained and consecrated a bishop.

Bishops are called to lead in serving and caring for the people of God and to work with them in the oversight of the Church. As chief pastors they share with their fellow bishops a special responsibility to maintain and further the unity of the Church, to uphold its discipline, and to guard its faith. They are to promote its mission throughout their dioceses. It is their duty to watch over and pray for all those committed to their charge, and to teach and govern them after the example of the Apostles, speaking in the name of God and interpreting the gospel of Christ. They are to know their people and be known by them. They are to ordain and to send new ministers, guiding those who serve with them and enabling them to fulfil their ministry.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to uphold the truth of the Gospel against error?

*The Archbishop-Elect responds, saying*

By the help of God, I will.

*The Archbishop of York says*

Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

*The Archbishop-Elect responds, saying*

By the help of God, I will.

*The Archbishop of York says*

Will you promote unity, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve?

*The Archbishop-Elect responds, saying*

By the help of God, I will.

*The Archbishop of York says*

Will you then be a faithful witness to Christ to those among whom you live, and lead your people to obey our Saviour's command to make disciples of all nations?

*The Archbishop-Elect responds, saying*

By the help of God, I will.

*The Archbishop of York says*

Almighty God,  
who has given you the will to undertake all these things,  
give you also the strength to perform them;  
that he may complete that work which he has begun in you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Archbishop-Elect returns to her stall in the Quire.*

## The Litany

*led by*

The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin,  
Bishop of Dover

The Reverend Canon Isaac Beach,  
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia,  
and Anglican Communion Member of the Canterbury CNC

Emma Beech,  
Families and Community Pastor, St Peter's Church, Battersea

The Reverend Canon Paul Cartwright,  
Vicar, The Priory Benefice, and Area Dean, Pontefract,  
and Member of the Canterbury CNC

The Venerable Dr Chigor Chike,  
Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich,  
and Honorary Chaplain to His Majesty King Charles III

The Reverend Canon Helen Dearnley, RNR,  
Anglican Faith and Belief Advisor,  
His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service

The Reverend Vera Preedy,  
Self Supporting Minister (SSM), Saint Church, Parish of Hackney

*Remain seated or kneel.*

Let us pray.

God the Father,  
**have mercy upon us.**

God the Son,  
**have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,  
**have mercy upon us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;  
by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;  
by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the Holy Churches of God,  
and for the unity of them all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry,  
that they may serve him in truth and love,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all our bishops, priests and deacons,  
that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah, chosen to be Archbishop of Canterbury,  
that she may faithfully fulfil the duties of her ministry,  
defend the faith and build up the Church in unity and truth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that it may bring the challenge of the gospel to every corner of the world,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,  
that there may be one flock and one shepherd,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lost  
and for those who have strayed from the path,  
that they may return to the way of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed;  
for the sick and the suffering; and for our sisters and brothers  
who are persecuted for their faith,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

Lord, you are merciful and forgive our sins.  
You hear those who pray in the name of your Son.  
Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may obtain according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Collect

God our Father, Lord of all the world.  
through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant Sarah  
the needful gifts of grace;  
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.  
**Amen.**

*Stand*

## Hymn

during which the Royal Commissioners and Legal Officials proceed to the table on the Dais, and the Archbishop of Canterbury-Elect, accompanied by the Diocesan Bishops, takes her seat on the Dais for the ceremony of the Confirmation of Election.

**Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,  
In every part with praise,  
That my whole being may proclaim  
Thy being and thy ways.**

**Not for the lip of praise alone,  
Nor e'en the praising heart  
I ask, but for a life made up  
Of praise in every part:**

**Praise in the common things of life,  
Its goings out and in;  
Praise in each duty and each deed,  
However small and mean.**

**Fill every part of me with praise:  
Let all my being speak  
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,  
Poor though I be and weak.**

**So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me  
The praise and glory due;  
And so shall I begin on earth  
The song for ever new.**

**So shall each fear, each fret, each care,  
Be turned into song;  
And every winding of the way  
The echo shall prolong.**

**So shall no part of day or night  
Unblest or common be,  
But all my life, in every step,  
Be fellowship with thee.**

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

Tune: *Richmond*  
Melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820)  
harm. Samuel Webbe, the elder (1740-1816)

*Sit*

## The Confirmation of Election

*The Vicar-General introduces the ceremony, ending with the words*

The Court will now proceed with the Confirmation of Election.

*The Proctor says*

Your Grace, I have the honour of appearing on behalf of the College of Canons of the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ Canterbury.

*The Advocate says*

Your Grace, I have the honour of appearing on behalf of the Archbishop-Elect.

*The Proctor produces the document authorising her to act for the College of Canons of Canterbury and the Letters Patent.*

*The Proctor says*

Your Grace, I exhibit my proxy for the College of Canons and make myself a party for them. I present to you the Letters Patent of Our Sovereign Lord The King issued under the Great Seal of the Realm requiring the Confirmation of the Election of the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally, Bishop of London to be Archbishop and Pastor of the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ Canterbury. I request that these Letters Patent may be read.

*The Archbishop of York says*

Let the Letters Patent be read.

*The Letters Patent are then read by the Provincial Registrar.*

*The Proctor says*

I humbly pray that you will be pleased to take upon you the duty of this Confirmation. I request you to decree that it be proceeded with according to the form of the said Letters Patent and in accordance with the Law.

*The Archbishop of York says*

In obedience to the Command of Our Sovereign Lord The King, we do take upon us the duty of the Confirmation of this Election. We do decree that it be proceeded with according to the form and effect of the said Letters Patent in the presence of the Provincial Registrar of the Province of Canterbury, a Notary Public.

*The Archbishop-Elect proceeds to sit before the Archbishop of York at the table.*

*The Advocate says*

Your Grace, it is my privilege to identify and present to you the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally as the person elected Archbishop and Pastor of the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ Canterbury.

*The Proctor says*

As Proctor for the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ Canterbury I now produce to you as an exhibit the Original Mandate requiring public notice to be given and stating that anyone wishing to oppose the election should do so at an appointed time and place prior to the date of the Confirmation, or else would be debarred from pursuing any objection. Endorsed on this Mandate is a certificate which verifies that public notice was duly given as required and that no person has appeared in opposition to the Confirmation.

*The Archbishop of York says*

Full opportunity having been given for opposers to appear whose objections could be lawfully received and none having appeared as ordered, we now proceed with the process of Confirmation of the Election.

*The Proctor then presents to the Archbishop of York a Petition which sets out in detail the vacation of the See and the steps taken to elect an archbishop and asks that the election be confirmed.*

*The Proctor says*

Your Grace, I present this Summary Petition in writing which I pray to be admitted in Court and that you will decree that I should proceed immediately to prove the matters recited in this Petition.

*Then the Summary Petition is signed by the Advocate.*

*The Archbishop of York says*

We do admit your Summary Petition so far as the same may by Law be admitted and do decree that you prove the matters recited in your Petition immediately.

*The Proctor says*

In supply of proof of the matters contained in my Summary Petition, first, I exhibit a Certificate touching and concerning the Election of the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally, Bishop of London to be Bishop and Pastor of the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ Canterbury made by the College of Canons of the said Cathedral and Metropolitical Church and issued under their Common Seal. Secondly, I exhibit a public document containing the consent of the Archbishop-Elect to the said election. Thirdly, I refer to His Majesty's Letters Patent which have already been read. I submit that all the matters set forth in these exhibits respectively were and are true and were done as therein described. I pray that all these documents be admitted and accepted by the Court.

*The Archbishop of York says*

We do admit all these documents and accept their validity and the truthfulness of all that is contained in them.

*The Proctor says*

I request the court now to proceed to the pronouncing of the definitive Sentence or Final Decree in this matter and I porrect (that is produce) a Schedule which I pray to be read.

*The Schedule, which accepts that everything has been done in order and pronounces as contumacious (i.e., disobedient to the order of the Court) all who would oppose the election, is then read and signed.*

*The Proctor says*

The Archbishop-Elect is ready to take the Oath of Allegiance and make and subscribe the Declaration of Assent as required.

*The Provincial Registrar gives a Bible to the Archbishop-Elect as she takes the Oath kneeling, and standing (with all Royal Commissioners and Legal Officials also standing), makes and subscribes the Declaration.*

*The Proctor says*

I porrect a definitive Sentence or Final Decree in writing which I pray to be read and declared.

*The Archbishop of York then reads the Sentence or Final Decree of the Court that the Election was carried out in due form, that the Election is confirmed and that 'the care, government and administration of the Spirituals' of the See of Canterbury are committed to the Archbishop-Elect. The Sentence or Final Decree is then signed by the Archbishop of York and the other Royal Commissioners and countersigned by the Vicar-General, the Advocate and the Provincial Registrar.*

*The Proctor says*

The Lord Archbishop, now Elected and Confirmed, and myself pray that a Public Instrument and Letters Testimonial shall be made and issued by the Commissioners as a record of these proceedings.

*The Lord Archbishop of York says*

We do decree as prayed.

## Welcome by Diocesan Bishops

*The Bishops on the Dais stand and affirm the Confirmation of the Archbishop.*

*The Gospel Choir of Christ's Hospital School sings*

### Anthem

*during which the Royal Commissioners, Bishops and Legal Officials return to their seats.*

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills  
From whence cometh my help  
My help cometh from the Lord,  
The Lord which made heaven and earth

He said, He would not suffer thy foot,  
Thy foot to be moved  
The Lord that keepeth thee,  
He will not slumber nor sleep

Oh the Lord is thy keeper the Lord is thy shade  
Upon thy right hand, upon thy right hand  
No the sun shall not smite thee by day,  
Nor the moon by night  
He shall preserve thy soul, even forevermore  
My help, my help, my help,  
All of my help cometh from the Lord

Lift up mine eyes unto the hills  
All of my help cometh from the Lord

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## Charge

*The Archbishop of York gives the Charge to the Archbishop of Canterbury, supported by representative voices from across the Church of England and the Anglican Communion:*

The Reverend Joanna Allen,  
Team Vicar, Benefice of Dorchester,  
and Pioneer Vicar and joint CEO of Rural Ministries

Alysia-Lara Ayonrinde,  
Engagement Lead for the Racial Justice Unit, Church of England

The Venerable Estella Last,  
Archdeacon of Maidstone,  
and Member of the Canterbury CNC

Ivy Manning,  
Project Manager for Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Friendly Churches

The Reverend Mark Nam,  
Vicar, Benefice of St John's, Woodley,  
and Founder of The Teahouse Network for Chinese-heritage Clergy

The Reverend Cathrine Ngangira,  
Priest-in-Charge, Benefice of Boughton-under-Blean with Dunkirk,  
Goodnestone with Graveney, and Hernhill, Diocese of Canterbury

Joaquín Philpotts,  
Lay Minister in the Anglican Diocese of Argentina,  
and Anglican Communion Member of the Canterbury CNC

The Reverend Prebendary Helen Shannon,  
Associate Vicar, Benefice of Woodside Park, St Barnabas,  
and Families Church and Estates Lead with CCX

Afreen, Jerson, and Paolo,  
Students from The Urswick School, Hackney

Florence, Kamsi, Kiran, and Zachary,  
Students from St Michael's CE Primary School, Enfield

## Prayers

*The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral and the Gospel Choir of Christ's Hospital School sing*

Thuma mina.  
Somandla.

Send me, Lord.  
Send me, Jesus,  
send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord.  
Lead me, Jesus,  
lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord.  
Fill me, Jesus,  
fill me, Lord.

Words and music: South African trad.  
adapted by Anders Nyberg (b.1955)

*A prayer for the ministry and mission of the Church of England and the churches of the Anglican Communion, led by The Right Reverend Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion:*

Almighty God,  
whose Spirit equips the Church in every age  
to proclaim the Kingdom of your Risen Son:  
guide and strengthen the ministry and mission  
of the Church of England and the churches of the Anglican Communion.  
Unite us in truth and charity,  
make us bold in witness and humble in service,  
and grant that, rooted in word and sacrament,  
we may faithfully make known our unity in Christ  
and your saving love among all;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*A prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, led by Lyndall Bywater, Canterbury Diocese Prayer Network Co-ordinator:*

God, who from of old  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*A prayer for justice, led by The Right Worshipful Morag Ellis, KC, Dean of the Arches, Auditor and Master of the Faculties:*

God of righteousness and compassion,  
who hears the cry of the oppressed,  
welcomes the outcast,  
and enfolds all people in the wideness of your love:  
stretch forth your mighty hand  
to defend the vulnerable,  
to lift the voiceless,  
and to overturn all that distorts your justice.  
Grant that we, your servants,  
may love mercy, pursue justice,  
and walk humbly in your ways,  
that your kingdom of peace and equity  
may be made known on earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The Reverend Robert Kozak, Sacrist, St Paul's Cathedral, says*

We join our prayers with those of Christians across the world  
and down the ages saying together:

**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.**

### Blessing

*given by*

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE,  
The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury

The Lord bless you and watch over you.  
the Lord make his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
the Lord look kindly on you,  
and give you peace.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Stand*

## Hymn

*during which the Archbishop of Canterbury's Procession departs.*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1962-2024)  
based on Luke 1. 46-55

Tune: *Woodlands*  
Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

## Processional Order

A Virger

The Crucifer and Acolytes

The Choir

The Minor Canons

The Priest Vicar

The Cathedral Officers

The College of Canons

A Virger

The Prolocutor  
of the Convocation of Canterbury

The Secretary General  
of the Anglican Communion

A Virger

The Bishops

A Virger

The Legal Officials

The Royal Commissioners

The Primatial Cross of York

The Archbishop of York

A Virger

The Primatial Cross of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury

A Virger

The Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

The Dean's Virger

The Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral

## Organ Voluntary

*Fugue in E flat major (BWV 552ii)*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Members of the congregation are asked to remain in their places until they are invited to leave by a Wandsman or an Usher.*

