All stand as the Choir and Clergy depart

THE VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G)

Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

Please replace your kneelers on the pews after the service

Refreshments will be served after the service: please follow the directions of the stewards

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St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Following in the footsteps of Edmund, King and Martyr



Evensong



and Collation and Installation of the Reverend Matthew Vernon as Canon Pastor

> Sunday 8 February 2009 3.30 p.m.

The Bishop has appointed Matthew Vernon
Canon Pastor of St Edmundsbury Cathedral
and today collates him into this office
and the Sub-Dean installs him into the Stall of St Botolph

We pray for him today and give thanks for his new ministry within the Cathedral Community

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the Cathedral Choir and Clergy enter for

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The love of God comes close
Where stands an open door
To let the stranger in,
To mingle rich and poor:
The love of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

The peace of God comes close
To those caught in the storm,
Forgoing lives of ease
To ease the lives forlorn:
The peace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

The joy of God comes close Where faith encounters fears, Where heights and depths of life Are found through smiles and tears: The joy of God is here to stay Embracing those who walk his way.

The grace of God comes close
To those whose grace is spent,
When hearts are tired or sore
And hope is bruised or bent:
The grace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

The Son of God comes close Where people praise his name, Where bread and wine are blest And shared, as when he came: The Son of God is here to stay Embracing those who walk his way.

John Bell, born 1949 WGRG, Jona Commun Love Unknown, John Ireland, 1879-1962

WGRG, Iona Community

All sit as the Sub-Dean gives

THE WELCOME

All stand as the Sub-Dean concludes with these words

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer. Psalm 5: 2

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

John Reading, c 1645-92

All sit for

PSALM 5

Ponder my words, O Lord:
consider my meditation.
O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King,
and my God:
for unto thee will I make my prayer.
My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord:
early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee,
and will look up.
For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness:

neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight:
for thou hatest all them that work vanity.

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing:
the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into thine house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy:

and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies:

make thy way plain before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in his mouth:

their inward parts are very wickedness.

Their throat is an open sepulchre:

they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations:

cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against thee.

And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice: they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;

For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous: and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

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.

All sit as Jill Staplehurst, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, reads

NUMBERS 13: 1-2, 27-END

The LORD said to Moses, 'Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites; from each of their ancestral tribes you shall send a man, every one a leader among them.' And they told him, 'We came to the land to which you sent us; it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Yet the people who live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large; and besides, we

saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the land of the Negeb; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live by the sea, and along the Jordan.' But Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.' Then the men who had gone up with him said, 'We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we are.' So they brought to the Israelites an unfavourable report of the land that they had spied out, saying, 'The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. There we saw the Nephilim (the Anakites come from the Nephilim); and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.'

All stand for

THE OFFICE HYMN during which the Sub-Dean escorts Matthew Vernon to the Nave Sanctuary step

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
And companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard, born 1953

Servant Song Richard Gillard, born 1953 arranged by Betty Pulkingham, born 1928

The people sit while the Chapter and College of Canons remain standing for

THE COLLATION

The Sub-Dean presents the Canon designate to the Bishop saying

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you Matthew Vernon to be admitted into the fellowship of the College of Canons of this Cathedral Church as Canon Pastor, and I ask you to collate him into this office.

The Bishop responds, saying

I thank you for your presentation. Let the Declaration be made and the Oaths taken and subscribed according to Law.

The Bishop's Chaplain reads the Declaration of Assent

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, The Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

The Canon designate responds

I, Matthew James Vernon, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canon.

The Book of the Gospels is brought to the Canon designate who makes the Oath of Allegiance, the Oath of Canonical Obedience, and the Oath to Observe the Statutes and Laudable Customs

- I, Matthew James Vernon, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and successors, according to Law: so help me God.
- I, Matthew James Vernon, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.
- I, Matthew James Vernon, swear by Almighty God that I will faithfully observe the Statutes, Ordinances and Laudable Customs of the Cathedral Church of St James, Bury Saint Edmunds, so far as they oblige or concern me by reason of my being collated to the office of Canon Pastor. So help me God.

The oaths are subscribed by the Canon designate

The Canon designate kneels before the Bishop, who says

Brothers and sisters, we intend to collate Matthew Vernon as Canon Pastor of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, having accounted him to be worthy of this honour. And I ask you to pray that he may exercise his offices duly to the honour of God and the edifying of the people of this Cathedral and Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Let us pray.

All kneel as the Bishop prays

O God, the King of Glory, before whom all the hosts of heaven bow and adore, bless we beseech thee, this thy servant whom we admit this day into the fellowship of this holy house. Let thy fatherly hand be over him; let the Holy Spirit be with him; and so unite him in the fellowship of faith and love, that truth and fidelity, gentleness and peace may abound and increase in him, to the glory of thy Name and the benefit of thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

There are varieties of gifts,

All But the same Spirit.

There are varieties of service,

All But the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working,

All But the same God is at work in all.

All sit as the Bishop reads the Deed of Collation which he surrenders to the Canon Pastor, saying

Matthew, receive this cure of souls which is both yours and mine, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you. The Lord give you grace, wisdom, faithfulness, courage and love in all your work for him, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

All stand for

THE INSTALLATION

The Bishop addresses the Sub-Dean

Mr Sub-Dean, we direct you to install Matthew Vernon into the stall assigned to him in this our Cathedral Church.

The Bishop proceeds to his seat in the High Altar Sanctuary and the Choir sings

PSALM 133

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is:
brethren, to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran
down unto the beard:
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of
his clothing.
Like as the dew of Hermon:
which fell upon the hill of Sion.
For there the Lord promised his blessing:
and life for evermore.

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 people sit and the Chapter and College of Canons remain standing

The Sub-Dean leads the Canon Pastor to the stall in the Quire which has been assigned to him, saying

I, Michael Hampel, Sub-Dean of this Cathedral Church, install you, Matthew James Vernon, duly and lawfully into the stall of St Botolph with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging. The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

All stand for

MAGNIFICAT

set to music in the key of B flat by Charles Villiers Stanford, 1858-1925

All sit as the Sub-Dean reads

PHILIPPIANS 2: 12-28

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you — and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me. I

hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. All of them are seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me; and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon. Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus — my brother and coworker and fellow-soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

All stand for

NUNC DIMITTIS

Stanford

All face east for

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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life Everlasting. Amen.

Precentor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy Spirit.
Precentor Let us pray.

All kneel as the Choir sings

THE LESSER LITANY, THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE RESPONSES, AND THE COLLECTS

Reading

All sit for

THE ANTHEM

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Psalm 23, Book of Common Prayer

Lennox Berkeley, 1903-89

Minister Let us pray.

All kneel as the Canon Theologian leads

THE PRAYERS

All stand for

THE FINAL HYMN
during which a collection is taken for the work of the Cathedral

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,
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:

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:

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:

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:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

St Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226 Translated by William Draper, 1855-1933 Laast uns Erfreuen Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 using phrases of an Easter hymn in Geistliche Kirchengesäng Cologne 1623

All kneel as the Bishop gives

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

All remain kneeling as the Choir sings

THE EDMUND PRAYER

Christ Jesus,
with the life and martyrdom of St Edmund,
King of East Anglia,
you inspired generations of pilgrims
in the way of love and hope.
Enfold your Church in the mystery of your life,
that we, in our own pilgrimage,
may be apostles of your wounded and risen glory,
who with the Father and the Spirit,
are present eternally. Amen.

Martin Shaw, born 1944

James Thomas, born 1963