DIOCESE OF SWANSEA AND BRECON

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Gwir Barchedig John Lomas

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10fed Esgob Abertawe ac Aberhonddu

Eglwys Gadeiriol Sant Ioan yr Efengylwr

yn Aberhonddu

5 Mawrth 2022

2.00 pm



The Enthronement of

The Right Reverend John Lomas

as

10th Lord Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist

in Brecon

5 March 2022

2.00 pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

*At approximately 1.45 pm the Dean will greet the dignitaries at the North Door and escort them to their places at the front of the Nave. All stand as they enter the Cathedral. Once the procession has entered, all sit.*

*At approximately 1.55pm the Dean will welcome all present and offer a period of silent reflection. Then the entrance hymn shall be sung, during which the procession enters the Cathedral in the following order:*

Processional Cross and Taperers of the Cathedral

The Residentiary Canon

The Diocesan Registrar

The Chancellor of the Diocese

The Archdeacons of Brecon and Gower

A Verger

The Dean

Entrance 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 life receive;

suddenly return, and never,

never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,

glory in thy perfect love.

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!

*Charles Wesley (1707–88)*

Greeting

*The Dean says*

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Introduction

B

rothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the Church: he alone is the source of all Christian ministry. Through the ages it is Christ who has called men and women to live lives of service. All who are baptised are called to proclaim Jesus as saviour and Lord, and to love and serve the people with whom they live and work. They are salt for the earth, and light to the world.

Christ gave gifts abundantly to the Church. Some he made apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers; to equip God’s people for their work and ministry and to build up the body of Christ.

We have come together in the presence of God to inaugurate the ministry of our brother in Christ, John Lomas, as Bishop of Swansea & Brecon and to enthrone him in the Episcopal Chair of this Cathedral Church as the chief shepherd of Christ’s flock in this Diocese and as guardian of the faith.

Let the Archbishop’s mandate for the enthronement now be read.

*Sit*

*The Chancellor of the Diocese reads the mandate*

*After the reading of the mandate the Dean says*

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aving heard the Archbishop’s mandate, let us now prepare to receive and welcome our new Bishop.

*All remain seated as a Verger leads the Archdeacons of the Diocese and the Dean to the North Porch Door, during which the following is sung*

Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness: make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

 *Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)*

from Psalm 5

*All turn to face the North Porch Door*

The Entry of the Bishop

*The Bishop knocks at the Cathedral door three times with his Crozier, and after gaining entry greets the assembled, saying*

I

 John, by Divine Permission Bishop of Swansea & Brecon, having been duly elected, confirmed and consecrated, come now to be inducted, installed and enthroned as Bishop of this Diocese.

*The Dean says*

R

ight Reverend Father in God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we welcome you to this Cathedral Church and to the continuing fellowship of your Diocese.

*The Bishop greets the congregation*

Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also with you.**

*During the following anthem the Bishop’s Procession makes its way through the Cathedral to the Altar in the following order:*

The Archdeacons of Brecon and Gower

The Dean

A Verger

The Bishop

The Bishop’s Chaplain

Anthem

Ecce sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus placuit Deo, et inventus est Justus.

*Behold a great priest, who in his day pleased God, and was found to be just.*

*Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

Antiphon at 2nd Vespers of a Confessor Bishop

Promise to Observe the Cathedral Statutes

*The Dean says*

R

ight Reverend Father in God, I ask you to make the declaration that you will observe the Statutes and preserve the liberties of this Cathedral Church.

*The Bishop places his right hand upon the Book of the Gospels and says*

I

n the name of God, Amen. I John, by Divine permission Bishop of Swansea & Brecon, solemnly undertake that I will faithfully observe the Statutes and Ordinances of this Cathedral Church; and I will set forward and promote such works as may be rightly and properly done in it for the service of God and for the benefit of God’s people in this Diocese.

*The Bishop kisses the Book of the Gospels before it is returned to its place on the Altar*

*The congregation sits*

Presentation of the Gifts of Ministry

The Bishop as Teacher

*The Diocesan Director of Education, Mr John Meredith, says*

Hear the words of St Paul to the Ephesians. *4. 8, 10-13*

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hen he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

*After presenting the Bishop with the Holy Scriptures, he continues*

B

ishop John, receive the Holy Scriptures, and remember that at your baptism God invited you on a life-long journey where His Word would provide the basis for your growth in the faith; continue to meditate upon them with mind and heart, preach and teach the Gospel and nourish the people of God with the riches of His love. May God give you grace to continue in this way.

The Bishop as Servant

*The Archdeacon of Gower says*

Hear the words of St John. *13. 13-16*

Y

ou call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

*After presenting the Bishop with a towel, he continues*

B

ishop John, receive this towel and remember that when you were made deacon in the Church you were called to share in the ministry of Christ the Servant King, who himself took the form of a servant, and came to serve not to be served. He taught us that the one who would be the greatest amongst us must be the servant of all. May God give you grace to continue in this way.

The Bishop as Presbyter

*The Archdeacon of Brecon says*

Hear the words of St John. *20. 19-23*

W

hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

*After presenting the Bishop with a stole, he continues*

B

ishop John, receive this stole and remember that when you were ordained priest in the Church of God, you were given care of the people in your charge, to watch over them, to absolve them, to bless them in God’s name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to celebrate the sacraments of the New Covenant, so that the faithful may be nourished and sustained on their pilgrimage to the promised land. May God give you grace to continue in this way.

The Bishop as Shepherd

*The Dean says*

Hear the words of St Peter from his first epistle. *5. 1-3*

N

ow as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the 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.

*The Dean on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter presents the Diocesan Crozier to the Bishop*

B

ishop John, receive the Diocesan Crozier as a sign of your ministry among us. Be a good shepherd of your people, serve them, guide them, lead them and teach them with wisdom and understanding. Be steadfast in guarding the faith, unity and mission of the Church, and be fearless in encouraging and challenging the faithful. Be humble in exercising authority and merciful but firm in administering discipline and may Christ the Good Shepherd guide you in the way of gentle leadership, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Enthronement

*The Dean escorts the Bishop to the Episcopal Throne. Then the Dean, taking the Bishop by the right hand, places him in the throne, saying*

B

y virtue of the mandate of the Most Reverend Father in God, Andrew by Divine Providence Archbishop of Wales, I, Paul Shackerley, Dean of Brecon, induct you, the Right Reverend John Lomas, into the possession of the Bishopric of Swansea & Brecon, with the rights and dignities and all its opportunities of service; and I place you in the Episcopal Chair of this Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in Brecon, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*All remain standing as the choir sings*

Anthem

L

ift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*William Mathias (1934-92)*

Psalm 24: 7-10

*Remain standing*

The Peace

*The Bishop says*

We are all one in Jesus Christ. We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Due to the pandemic the peace is not shared*

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

to his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour

to our fathers in distress;

praise him still the same for ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless,

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame he knows;

in his hands he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!

Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;

ye behold him face to face;

sun and moon, bow down before him;

dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)*

after Psalm 103

*Remain standing*

The Liturgy of the Word

*The Bishop says*

The Collect

Let us pray.

G

od our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that 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 given the needful gifts of grace, and so become instruments for your love; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Sit*

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the first book of Kings. *19. 1-13*

A

hab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, ‘So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.’ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: ‘It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.’ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, ‘Get up and eat.’ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, ‘Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.’ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated whilst the choir sings*

Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

I

 was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgement, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions’ sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

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.

New Testament Reading

A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Romans. *11. 1-5*

I

 ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ‘Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.’ But what is the divine reply to him? ‘I have kept for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.’ So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A

nd when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’ And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you of little faith?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, ‘What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?’ *8. 23-27*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

The Sermon

The Bishop

*Stand*

Hymn

Arglwydd, arwain trwy’r anialwch

Fi, bererin gwael ei wedd,

Nad oes ynof nerth na bywyd,

Fel yn gorwedd yn y bedd;

Hollalluog

Ydyw’r Un a’m cwyd i’r lan.

Agor y ffynhonnau melys

Sydd yn tarddu o’r graig i maes;

’R hyd yr anial mawr canlyned

Afon iachawdwriaeth gras;

Rho im hynny,

Dim i mi ond dy fwynhau.

Pan fwy’n myned trwy Iorddonen,

Angau creulon yn ei rym,

Aethost trwyddi gynt dy Hunan,

Pam yr ofnaf bellach ddim?

Buddugoliaeth

Gwna im weiddi yn y llif.

*William Williams Pantycelyn (1717-91)*

*Remain standing*

Act of Commitment

*The Bishop says*

My brothers and sisters, I ask you in the presence of God to renew the offering of your lives in the service of Christ and his Church.

Will you be open to the call of God in your daily living and by word and deed seek always to be faithful to him who calls?

**We will.**

Will you strive to know God’s will for you and for his world and seek to do that will day by day?

**We will.**

By your openness to God’s Holy Spirit will you endeavour to walk in the paths of new life after the example of Christ our Lord and Servant King?

**We will.**

Let us pray together that we may be faithful to that which we have promised.

*Kneel or sit*

Prayers of intercession

*The prayers conclude with*

The Diocesan Prayer

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**ather, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea & Brecon and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit: Bless us as we gather in your name; Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; Lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end. We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

O

**ur 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.**

Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,

seek thou this soul of mine,

and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,

within my heart appear,

and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,

till earthly passions turn

to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

and let thy glorious light

shine ever on my sight,

and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity

mine outward vesture be,

and lowliness become mine inner clothing;

true lowliness of heart,

which takes the humbler part,

and o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,

with which the soul will long,

shall far outpass the power of human telling;

for none can guess its grace,

till he become the place

wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

 *Discendi, Amor santo Bianco da Siena (d 1434)*

 *translated by Richard Littledale (1833–90*)

*Remain standing*

The Blessing

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

**From this time forth for evermore.**

May God the Father, who calls us to be his children fill our hearts with wisdom, joy and peace. **Amen.**

May God the Son, the great High Priest and Shepherd of our souls keep us steadfast and loyal in his service. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, make us one in faith and hope and love, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please remain standing while the procession moves through the nave and exits by the South door. Please leave by the South door, taking the orders of service away with you. The collection box and contactless donation card-reader are placed at the South door.*

Organ Voluntaries

Before the Service

Prelude and fugue in C BWV 545 - J S Bach (1685-1750)

After the Service

Carillon Sortie - Henri Mulet (1878-1967)



The Diocesan Vision

A family, rooted in Christ, committed to transforming lives by: **Gathering** as God’s people, **Growing** more like Jesus, **Going out** in the power of the Spirit

The Cathedral Vision

*We aspire to be*

*“… you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.” Ephesians 2:19-20*

The Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist seeks to be an inclusive, faithful, and holy community rooted in the active love of God, his creation, and our neighbours through prayer, fellowship, and service.

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