



DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

Order of Service
for the
Institution and Installation of
Rev Jonathan Poston
as Rector of
St John the Baptist with
St Mary the Virgin, Devizes

7.00pm Wednesday 3rd November 2021
at St John the Baptist, Devizes

THE PRESENTATION

CHOIR introit SACERDOTES DOMINI (William Byrd)

*Sacerdotes Domini incensum et panes offerunt Deo:
et ideo sancti erunt Deo suo et non polluent nomen eius. Alleluia..*

*Then did priests make offering of incense and loaves of finest wheat to God:
and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord and shall not defile his most holy name.
Alleluia.*

*The Rural Dean welcomes the congregation
and announces the opening hymn*

During the hymn the Procession enters the Church.

HYMN HOW SHALL I SING THAT MAJESTY (Coe Fen)

How shall I sing that Majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

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

All: And also with you

The congregation sit.

The Bishop introduces the service.

*The Rural Dean and Parish Representatives give a short Statement
describing the present situation of the Benefice and hopes for the
future.*

The Patron presents the new Parish Priest.

Patron Reverend Father in God, as Patron(s) of this Benefice we
have read the Parish Profile and Statement of Needs, and
after due consultation have chosen *Jonathan Poston*.
We present him to you and ask you to admit him to this
cure of souls.

Bishop I thank you for your presentation and for the prayer
and discernment that lie behind it.

The archdeacon briefly introduces the new Parish Priest

Bishop Churchwardens and people of this Benefice, do you
welcome *Jonathan* ?

People We do

Bishop Will you share with *Jonathan* in mission and in pastoral
care?

People We will

Bishop *Jonathan*, I ask you in the presence of this congregation,
are you willing to receive this cure?

Priest I am.

THE COLLECT

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer with these or other words

Bishop As we now license a new priest to this cure of souls, let us pray for him and for all who share in the ministry of this Benefice that he may be a faithful priest and true shepherd, and that they may work together for the building up of God's Kingdom in this place.

God 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 all your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servant *Jonathan* and all who minister in this place the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen

GOD'S CALL & OUR RESPONSE.

HYMN ALL ARE WELCOME (Tune: Two Oaks)

During a hymn, the Bishop and new priest move to the Font. Lay Pastoral Assistants and others engaged in the ministry of pastoral care in the Benefice meet them there. The congregation turn to face the Font and remain standing.

HYMN (verse 1)

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

A reader 'Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 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 the building up of the body of Christ'.
(from *Ephesians 4*)

Bishop *Jonathan*, as a leader of God's people in their ministry and a teacher of his word, you must help them to proclaim and live out his love.
With them you must be diligent in prayer and in study of the scriptures, that you may discern the mind of Christ and know his will for his church, and that you may lead all who come here to grow in their faith and in their love and service of our Lord. Will you do this?

Priest With the help of God I will.

(to people) Will you share with me in the regular study and proclamation of God's word that together we may bring the light of faith to a dark world, kindle the fire of love in a cold world, and open the door of hope in a tired world?

People With the help of God, we will.

A lay person presents the Parish Priest with a Bible, saying:

May the Word of God be a lamp to our feet and a light upon our path, now and for ever.

All Amen

The Priest takes the Bible and places it on the lectern.

HYMN (verse 3)

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

The Bishop and Priest move to the Sanctuary. They are joined by other ministers of the sacrament.

A reader 'The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread' (from 1 Corinthians 10)

Bishop *Jonathan*, it is your duty and privilege to preside at the Holy Communion, to lead the worship of God's people, and to bless them in the name of the Lord.
Will you lead them in unity that as the body of Christ in this place they may bear witness to his love?

Priest: With the help of God I will.
(to people) Will you share regularly with me in this Sacrament of Holy Communion, that we may grow in unity and love, and together proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes?

People With the help of God we will.

A sacristan or Eucharistic assistant presents a Chalice and Paten saying:

May the body and blood of Christ that we share at this table unite us on earth and prepare us for the table in his Kingdom.

All Amen

The priest places the Chalice and Paten on the Altar.

HYMN (verse 4)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

The procession returns to the Chancel step and is joined by the members of the Deanery Chapter.

A reader: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." (1 Peter 5.2-4)

Bishop Priests are called by God to work with the bishop and with their fellow-priests, as servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent.

Jonathan, will you work with your colleagues in this Chapter that together you may further Christ's work within the Deanery, and witness to the unity to which we are called?

Priest With the help of God, I will.

Rural Dean May God, who has called you to his service, make us one in heart and mind, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE READING

Archdeacon A reading from 1 Peter 2:4-10

(Then after the reading:)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR *TU ES PETRUS*

*Tu es Petrus
et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam ...*

*You are Peter,
And upon this Rock I will build My Church ...*

THE SERMON

HYMN BROTHER SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

THE LICENSING

The priest stands before the Bishop, who reads the Preface:

Bishop 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 Priest affirms and takes the Oaths, saying

I, *Jonathan David Poston*, 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 authorised or allowed by Canon.

Taking a New Testament, he turns to the people and says

I, *Jonathan David Poston*, 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.

And turning to the Bishop, he says

I, *Jonathan David Poston*, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Salisbury and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God

Bishop Having made those declarations, *Jonathan* may now receive the Cure of Souls here.

The Bishop reads the Licence.

Bishop With you *Jonathan* has dedicated himself afresh to God's service. We now ask God's blessing upon his ministry among you.

All kneel, the Parish Priest-designate kneeling before the Bishop.

Silence is kept

Bishop Almighty Father, give your servant grace to fulfil his calling in *this parish*.
Give him reverence in ministering the sacraments,
faithfulness in proclaiming your word,
diligence in pastoral care,
tenderness in comforting, power in healing the wounds of Christ's people,
and humility and self-sacrifice in all things;
that, following the steps of your Son,
he may guide your people towards eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Bishop hands the Licence to the Parish Priest, saying

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**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and upon all your work done in his name. **Amen.**

All stand

THE INSTALLATION

Bishop Archdeacon, I ask you to *Induct and Install Jonathan Poston.*

The new Parish Priest leads the Churchwardens and the Archdeacon to the Church door.

The congregation face the door

The Archdeacon lays the Priest's hand on the door and says

By virtue of the authority given to me I induct you into this Church and Benefice with all the rights and responsibilities belonging to it.

Churchwardens

Receive the keys of the church in token of the responsibility which we share.

The Priest then tolls the bell as a sign of the start of his ministry.

The Archdeacon takes the Priest by the hand and places him in his stall

Archdeacon I place you in the stall of the minister of *this parish*; and may God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in the ways of truth and peace. **Amen.**

THE WELCOME

The new priest is welcomed by representatives of the church and community introduced by the Rural Dean.

The Bishop invites the congregation to welcome the new priest and the family.

THE INTERCESSIONS

The newly installed Parish Priest gives out notices and invites the people to pray.

The intercessions for the world and the local community are led by lay people.

At the end the Parish Priest leads the congregation in saying the Lord's Prayer.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM

During the hymn a collection is taken for the work of the Church in the Province of the Sudan.

We Have A Gospel To Proclaim
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross,
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter moon,
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified,
He sends His Spirit on His Church,
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King,
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
This gospel message we proclaim,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

THE COMMISSION AND DISMISSAL

The Bishop moves to the Chancel step. The Parish Priest joins the other ministers and people of the Benefice who stand before the Bishop.

Bishop Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

People With the help of God I will

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People With the help of God I will

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People With the help of God I will

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People With the help of God I will

Bishop Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

People With the help of God I will

Bishop May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen

Parish Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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