



## **AN ORDER OF SERVICE**

for

### **THE INSTITUTION**

by the

Rt Rev Dr Joanne Woolway Grenfell  
Bishop of Stepney

and

### **THE INDUCTION**

by the

Venerable Adam Atkinson,  
Acting Archdeacon of Hackney

of

**The Reverend Darius Weithers**

**as Vicar of the**

**Parish of St Paul & St Mark**

**7pm, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This service is both a legal ceremony and an opportunity for us to pledge ourselves anew to God's work.

The oaths of allegiance to the Crown, of canonical obedience to the Bishop and the Declaration of Assent assure the congregation that the new Vicar believes, speaks and acts in a way that is fitting for a Christian minister.

The Institution denotes the admission of the new Vicar to the spiritual care and leadership of the parish.

**Hymn    How Great Thou Art**

Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

**Welcome**

*Bishop* We gather in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen**

*Bishop* Peace be with you

**All and also with you.**

*The Bishop welcomes everyone and introduces the Service.*

**Hymn Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me save that Thou art;  
thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, my presence, my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I Thou true child,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight,  
be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might,  
thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower,  
raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me,  
O bright heaven's sun;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all..

### ***The Presentation of the new Vicar***

*A representative of the Patron, accompanied by the Churchwardens, presents Rev Darius Weithers to the Bishop, saying:*

Bishop Joanne, I present to you *Darius Weithers* to be admitted to the Cure of Souls in the parish of St Paul, Old Ford.

### ***The Affirmation***

*Bishop* Priests are ordained to work with the Bishop as servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. They are called to baptise, to proclaim the Word of the Lord and to preside at the Eucharist.

In order to fulfil this ministry Darius needs your prayers and encouragement. Before I license him I require his assurance that he accepts the responsibilities of his new office in the Church; and your assurance that you will work with him in partnership and give him the encouragement he needs.

*Bishop* Priest and people, will you work together as servants of Christ in this place?

**All** **By the grace of God, we will.**

*Bishop* Darius, will you seek to enable these people to become the people of God; will you lead them in worship and in service; will you encourage them to share in the life of the Gospel and proclaim God's saving love to the world?

*Priest* *By the grace of God, I will.*

*Bishop* People of God, will you be faithful members of the Body of Christ? Will you support Darius and, together with him, serve the Kingdom of God?

**All** **By the grace of God, we will.**

### ***The Declaration and the Oaths***

*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.

Darius, 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 Declaration of Assent**

*Priest I, Darius Orellano Weithers 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 will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.*

*Then the Priest takes the oaths, holding the New Testament in the right hand.*

*The Priest faces the congregation for*

### **The Oath of Allegiance**

*Priest I, Darius Orellano Weithers swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, according to law.*

*The Priest faces the Bishop for*

### **The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

*Priest I, Darius Orellano Weithers swear that I will bear true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of London and the Area Bishop of Stepney and their duly appointed successors, in all things lawful and honest.*

## ***The Collect***

*The Bishop prays:*

*Bishop* 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 Darius  
now to be instituted 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.

**All**     **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the word***

### **Ephesians 1**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

### **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has  
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly

places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>to</sup> the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>as</sup> a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>so</sup> that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **Paul's Prayer**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>far</sup> above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in

this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the reading of the gospel.*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Reader Alleluia, alleluia.*

**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Reader I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.*

**All Alleluia.**

*Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Luke 11:5-13**

#### **Perseverance in Prayer**

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*At the end:*

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

All sit.

**Sermon by the Revd Natasha Beckles of St Martin’s Gospel Oak**

*Remain seated.*

***The Institution***

*The Bishop reads the legal document which Darius is holding a copy of with both hands saying these words:*

*Bishop* Darius, receive the Cure of Souls which is both yours and mine; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Priest* Amen.

*The Bishop blesses the new Vicar:*

*Bishop* Let us pray.  
Almighty Father, give your servant, Darius, grace to fulfil his ministry in this parish with humility and self-sacrifice,

and the spirit of gentleness and peace. Give him faithfulness in proclaiming your word, and wisdom, strength and tenderness in caring for your people. As you have called him to your service, make him worthy of his calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

Darius may the God of Peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, give you vision, courage and love to do his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and all your work done in his name.

**All**      **Amen.**

### ***The Induction and Installation***

*The Bishop delivers the mandate of Induction to the Archdeacon saying:*

Whereas we have duly and canonically admitted our well beloved in Christ, Darius, to the Cure of Souls in this parish, we hereby empower and require you to induct him into the real and actual possession of this Church and Benefice and to defend him so inducted.

*Darius walks to the seat designated for him. The Archdeacon says:*

Darius, I install you as the Vicar of this parish. The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

*Darius is brought the keys of the church and the Archdeacon says:*

By virtue of this mandate, I induct you into the real and actual possession of this church with all the rights and responsibilities belonging to it.

*Darius is welcomed with applause. The Area Dean for Tower Hamlets along with selected invited guests, welcomes Darius and his family.*

**Hymn    Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand  
years,  
Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

### ***The Prayers***

*Prayers led by a member of the St Pauls' congregation and  
Darius' supporters.*

*Bishop* Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught  
us:

***All***      **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen**

### ***The Peace***

*The Priest greets the people:*

*Priest*      Made in the image and likeness of God, we are fellow  
members of this community, called to love and serve

each other. We greet one another in the love of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All**      **And also with you.**

Priest      Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a greeting and the Peace.*

### **Hymn   Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

#### ***Refrain***

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**[*Refrain*]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[*Refrain*]

*All sit.*

**Solo, Sung by Ramón Mitchell**

### **Notices**

*The new Parish Priest announces the times of Services for the following Sunday and gives any other notices. He then invites the congregation to stand for the blessing.*

### **The Blessing**

*The Bishop blesses the people:*

*Bishop* May God, who for the salvation of the world  
gives his people many gifts and ministries,  
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,  
and sustain each one of you in your own ministry;  
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, Dignitaries and ministers depart.

There will be an opportunity for photographs with the Bishop and Darius following the service.

Thank you for being a part of this special service, you are welcome to stay behind and give a warm welcome to our new vicar, Darius. There will be drinks and snacks served. There is a retiring collection for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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