

The Cathedral Church of St Peter Bradford





A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of The Rt Revd Colin Buchanan Saturday, 27th January 2024 at 2pm

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Welcome to Bradford Cathedral, particularly if you are visiting or with us for the first time – if you are, please do introduce yourself to a Steward or member of the Clergy.

There will be the opportunity to share memories of Colin after the service over a cup of tea. Tea and coffee will be served at the West End of the Cathedral.

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You are invited to join in the words in **bold type** in this order of service and sit or stand as directed as you are able.

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The Gathering

Organ voluntary

Prelude in E-flat major BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Adagio in E Major from Three Pieces for Organ

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Processional Hymn

We stand as the organ introduces the hymn.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, (x2) the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! (x3)

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; (x2) 'tis music in a sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace. (x3)

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free: (x2) his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me. (x3)

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, (x2) the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe. (x3)

Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; (x2) ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy! (x3)

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim (x2) and spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name. (x3)

> Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: 'Lyngham (Desert)', Thomas Jarman (1782-1862) A&M 742 ii

The Greeting

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

Grace and mercy be with you. **And also with you.**

We sit.

Informal words of welcome, introduction and appreciation of Colin's ministry in the Dioceses of Bradford and Leeds are offered.

A message from the Archbishop of York

The Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell

I'm sorry I can't be with you today to remember and celebrate Colin Buchanan's hugely influential and impactful life and ministry and to offer his family my condolences. Please be assured of my prayers.

May the gospel he served so faithfully bring us all comfort and hope: though we will miss him greatly, the celestial choirs of angels will now be the beneficiaries of his liturgical guidance. Indeed, we praise God for his servant, Colin.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

++Stephen Ebor

Gathering Prayer

We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient but the things that are unseen are eternal. Today we come together to remember before God our brother Colin, to give thanks for his life and to comfort one another in our grief.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Father in heaven, we praise your name for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, the life and grace you gave them and the peace in which they rest.

We praise you today for your servant Colin and for all that you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Memories of family and friends

Stephanie and Judith, daughters

Hymn

We stand.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther [Joyce Paczek] (1901-1953) Music: 'Slane', Irish traditional melody, harmonised by Erik Routley (1917-1982)

We sit.

A ministry to the Church

The Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth, Dean of Windsor and student

Acclamation of Jesus Christ

Introduced by the Revd Pete Gunstone, Minor Canon for Worship and Nurture, Bradford Cathedral. Said by the congregation antiphonally, beginning with those on the North side.

We stand.

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ through whom God made the universe.

Praise him that he sustains all things by his powerful word. Exalt him as Lord, far above the angels.

Yet, though he is the Son of God, he became lower than the angels;

and shared our humanity that he might suffer death for us all;

and crowned with glory and honour, he reigns at the Father's right hand,

yet, having been tempted as we are, he is the help of those who are tempted.

He is the author and perfecter of our faith, the mediator of the new covenant;

he lives for ever, exalted above the heavens, and, as we look for him, he will appear a second time

not to deal with sin but to complete his people's salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Text: from the Letter to the Hebrews arranged for liturgical use by Colin Buchanan (1934-2023)

We sit.

A shared life and ministry

Trevor Lloyd, friend and colleague

Hymn

We stand.

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us, Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care; for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain; hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) Music: 'Lord of the Years', Michael Baughen (b.1930), arr. David Iliff (b.1939)

CP 81

We sit.

Reading and Sermon

Bible reading

Jennie Williams, friend and colleague

When Death Becomes Life

¹⁻³ So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace – s a new life in a new land!

³⁻⁵ That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.

6-11 Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer captive to sin's demands! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.

¹²⁻¹⁴ That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time – remember, you've been raised from the dead! – into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

Romans 6:1-14 (The Message)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rt Revd David James, friend and colleague

Hymn

We stand.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage: grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.

Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day; daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807) Music: 'Abbot's Leigh', Cyril Taylor (1907-1991) CP 435 i

We remain standing.

Affirmation of Faith

Bishop Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in God, who has spoken to our forebears in many ways, but in his time has addressed us in his Son Jesus Christ, through whom he made the worlds.

Jesus is the radiance of the Father's glory, the express image of his godhead; yet he took upon himself our human nature that he might be made like us in every way, that by his death he might destroy the power of death; and raised from the dead he might enter the heaven of heavens, be seated at the right hand of God, and as our high priest live there on our behalf. And he will come a second time to bring salvation to the people of God who await him. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit who brings us to share the life of God and leads us to the heavenly Jerusalem.

So, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus our forerunner, that we may inherit his kingdom which cannot be shaken. Amen.

Text: from the Letter to the Hebrews arranged for liturgical use by Colin Buchanan (1934-2023)

We sit or kneel to pray.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

The response to the prayers is:

Hear us, risen Lord, our resurrection and our life.

Commendation

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Almighty God, in your great love you crafted us by your hand and breathed life into us by your Spirit. Although we became a rebellious people, you did not abandon us to our sin. In your tender mercy you sent your Son to restore in us your image. In obedience to your will he gave up his life for us, bearing in his body our sins on the cross. By your mighty power you raised him from the grave and exalted him to the throne of glory. Rejoicing in his victory and trusting in your promise to make alive all who turn to Christ, we commend Colin to your mercy and we join with all your faithful people and the whole company of heaven in the one unending song of praise: glory and wisdom and honour be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

Note: we are using the ecumenical modernised version of the Lord's Prayer as published by the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) in 1988, because it was commended by Colin in his final column for Transforming Worship News (formerly Praxis News of Worship).

Colin says in his final two sentences: 'It does not take me long to be clear that I would like to be delivered from both [eschatological and present trials]. Instead [in the usual form of the Lord's Prayer] I merely have to shrug off temptation.'

Hymn

We stand.

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?

Died he for me, who caused his pain?

For me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above – so free, so infinite his grace – emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed with righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) Music: 'Sagina', Thomas Campbell (1800-76) CP 376

The Blessing

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

The God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip you in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight. To him be glory for ever and ever.

Text: Hebrews 13.20-21 arranged by Colin Buchanan (1934-2023)

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 as the clergy recess.

Organ Voluntary

'St Anne' Fugue in E-flat major BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Refreshments

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