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# CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH THE INSTALLATION OF  
THE ARCHBISHOP OF BAMBERG  
ARCHBISHOP HERWIG GÖSSL  
AS ECUMENICAL CANON OF HONOUR

FIRST EVENSONG OF HOLY CROSS DAY  
SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025  
5.30PM

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# ARCHBISHOP HERWIG GÖSSL

**HERWIG GÖSSL** was born in Munich in 1967 and grew up in Nuremberg. After graduating from high school, he entered the Bamberg Seminary in 1986 and, following studying in Bamberg and Innsbruck, was ordained a priest by Archbishop Dr Elmar Maria Kredel in 1993.

After completing his studies, he had the opportunity to spend two months at the Anglican College in Chichester.



He was as chaplain in Bayreuth, St Hedwig for four years and in September 1997 he became parish administrator and pastor of the parishes of Hannberg and Weisendorf in the deanery of Erlangen.

On 1 September 2007, Archbishop Dr Ludwig Schick appointed him subregens at the Bamberg Seminary; in 2008 he was confirmed as subregens also at the Würzburg Seminary. Since then, he has served as a link between the two dioceses, which cooperate closely in the training of priests. Subregens Gössl was also responsible for the professional induction of chaplains in the Archdiocese of Bamberg. As subregens he accompanied the Bamberg group for the "Feuerstein Conferences" in 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

Following his consecration as bishop on March 15, 2014, in Bamberg, he was appointed vicar bishop for Caritas and provost of the cathedral.

On 9 December 2023, Pope Francis appointed Auxiliary Bishop Herwig Gössl as the new Archbishop of Bamberg. His inauguration as Archbishop of Bamberg was on 2 March 2024 in Bamberg Cathedral.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand as the procession enters.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

NEH 485  
*Edward Plumptre (1821-1891)*

Thornbury  
*Basil Harwood (1859-1949)*

## INSTALLATION OF THE CANON OF HONOUR

***Please sit.***

*The Dean presents Archbishop Herwig Gössl, Archbishop of Bamberg, to the Bishop of Chichester, who will say a few words of explanation and introduction.*

*The Bishop then reads the Deed of Appointment of Archbishop Herwig Gössl as an Ecumenical Canon of Honour.*

*The Bishop says the Blessing:*

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace;  
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 Dean welcomes the new Canon of Honour:*

I, ROBERT EDWARD MACKENZIE DOWLER, Dean of this Cathedral Church, receive you, HERWIG GÖSSL, to be a Canon of Honour of this Cathedral Church, and on behalf of the Cathedral community welcome you to the office to which you have now been appointed.

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth for evermore.

*All*     **Amen.**

*Please stand. The cantor and choir sing*

## THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.  
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's Name be praised.

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)*

*Please sit. The choir sings*

## PSALM 66

○ be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his  
Name, make his praise to be glorious.  
Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works: through the  
greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto  
thee.  
For all the world shall worship thee: sing of thee, and praise thy  
Name.  
○ come hither, and behold the works of God: how wonderful he is  
in his doing toward the children of men.  
He turned the sea into dry land: so that they went through the water  
on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people: and  
such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be  
heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver  
is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare: and laidest trouble upon our loins.  
Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire  
and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my  
vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth,  
when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams: I  
will offer bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you  
what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth: and gave him praises with my  
tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the Lord will not hear  
me.

But God hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his  
mercy from me.

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*Please stand as the choir sings the Gloria:*

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.



*Please sit.*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Isaiah 52: 13—end of 53*

*Please stand. The choir sings the canticle*

## MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

*Please sit.*

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but 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. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

*Ephesians 2: 11-end*

*Please stand. The choir sings the canticle*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

*Luke 2: 29-32*

*Herbert Murrill (1909-1952) in E*

*Remain standing to say together*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All*     **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 catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*The cantor and choir sing*

## THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our 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.  
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save The King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of thy blessed Son  
hast made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*Choir: Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires,  
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
*Choir: Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
*Choir: Amen.*

*Please sit. The choir sings*

## THE ANTHEM

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.

*Psalm 5: 2-3*

*Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

## THE PRAYERS

*Please sit or kneel. The Prayers conclude with the Grace:*

*All*     **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**



*Please stand.*

## HYMN



Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessèd peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the One eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore. **Amen.**

NEH 413  
Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Nun danket  
Melody in J. Crüger's  
Praxis Pietatis Melica (c. 1647)

## THE BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## CLOSING MUSIC

FUGUE IN C BWV 547ii

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please remain standing as the procession departs.*

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