

DIOCESE OF LINCOLN
DEANERY OF
CHRISTIANITY
PARISH OF ST JOHN ERMINE



THE INSTITUTION OF
THE REVEREND GEOFFREY WARD
BY THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN
AND THE INDUCTION BY
THE ARCHDEACON OF LINCOLN
FRIDAY DECEMBER 20th 1991
AT 7.30pm

Introduction & Welcome

(Canon Brian Wisken, Chairman of the Group Council
which brings together St John Ermine and St Nicholas
Newport.)

On behalf of the Churchwardens here at St John we welcome you to this service. We are delighted to have our Bishop who comes to institute the new Vicar. Geoffrey Ward, and with the Bishop is the Archdeacon of Lincoln. We welcome Clergy & friends from near and far not forgetting those who represent our local community. We are more than happy that you should join us as we greet Geoffrey & Lynne and as we wish them every blessing as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

We begin by singing our first hymn:

*Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh', it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'*

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth bound soul arise;
Christ her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might & blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Congregation remain standing:

BISHOP: We have come together to give thanks for the life of the Christian Community in this place & for all those who have done God's work in this parish, to pray that Geoffrey, now to be instituted Vicar, together with God's people in this parish, may serve God & Man with joy, courage & hope.

As Christians have always done, we shall break bread together in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which is represented the unity & fellowship of God with man, & man with his neighbour.

BISHOP: THE LORD BE WITH YOU

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU

BISHOP: 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 your faithful people
that each in his vocation & ministry
may be an instrument of your love,
& give to your servant Geoffrey, now to
be instituted, the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

An Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61 1-3
(Dorothy Middleton :- St Nicholas & Deanery Lay Chairman)

A short silence will follow

A New Testament Reading Ephesians 4:1-7
(read by The Reverend Lynne Ward)

A short silence will follow

GRADUAL HYMN

*Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore*



*Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.*

THE GOSPEL: St Luke 22:24-27
(read by The Rural Dean, Canon Derek Brown)

THE SERMON: THE BISHOP

A short silence will follow

ARCHDEACON: Because the care of people is so important,
I ask you to pray with me for God's blessing
upon Geoffrey. May he be given grace to
perform all his duties. At the same time I
would ask you to pray for Lynne & all their
family.

Guide them, Lord in all their doings with your gracious favour, & further them with your continual help; that in all their works begun, continued, & ended in you, they may glorify your holy name, & by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

INSTITUTION

The Rural Dean, Deanery Lay Chairman, The Chairman of the St John's & St Nicholas Group Council, & the two Churchwardens of St John's...will all stand before the Bishop to present the Vicar designate

Reverend Father in God, we present Geoffrey Ward to be admitted to the care of people in this parish.

THE BISHOP

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church worshipping the One True God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in Holy Scripture & 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 & Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration & guidance under God in bringing the grace & truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

VICAR

DESIGNATE I, GEOFFREY WARD, do so affirm & accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures & set forth in the Catholic creeds & to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; & in public prayer & administration of the sacraments I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

I swear that I will be faithful & bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs & successors. according to Law:

I swear that I will pay true & canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln & his successors, in all things lawful & honest.

PLEASE STAND

THE BISHOP, now seated in his chair, reads the Deed of Institution & then hands it to the Vicar designate who is kneeling before him:

GEOFFREY WARD receive this cure of souls which is both yours & mine; in the name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

THE BISHOP now blesses the new incumbent

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight
.....AMEN

INDUCTION

BISHOP: We have admitted Geoffrey Ward as Priest & Pastor of this Parish & we ask you, Mr Archdeacon, to induct him & thereby to provide him with the means by which he is enabled to exercise his pastoral care.

THE VERGER...will bring forward a CHURCH KEY.

THE ARCHDEACON lays the INCUMBENT'S hand on the key & says:

I induct you into the possession of the Church of St John with the rights & privileges which belong to them.

THE ARCHDEACON installs the VICAR & says:

May the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart with joy & peace that you may abound in hope through the power of the holy Spirit. ALL: AMEN

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

The Reader comes forward with a BIBLE :

"Here are the Holy Scriptures. Will you guide us in the study of these scriptures that the clear light of the knowledge of God may be kindled in our hearts?"

VICAR: I will , by the grace of God

A Churchwarden comes forward with WATER:

"Here is water. Will you use it in Holy Baptism & so lead us into the world to make men, women & children disciples of the Lord?"

VICAR: I will, by the grace of God.

A Churchwarden comes... with the CIBORIUM & CHALICE

"Here are the vessels for the Eucharist. Will you serve as one who Breaks the Bread & Blesses the Cup so that we may evermore dwell in Christ & He in us?"

VICAR: I will, by the grace of God.

THE WELCOME

BISHOP: Welcome your new priest.
Welcome him into the Parish, the Group
& the Deanery

The Group Chairman & Churchwardens

Come, join us here. Work with us
the work of God

The Rural Dean & Lay Chairman

Geoffrey, we welcome you into this family
- a family called to proclaim the works of God
& to live in the light of His Truth.

ALL: AMEN. WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

THE PEACE

BISHOP: Christ is our Peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross. We meet in His Name and share His Peace. THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE ALWAYS WITH YOU.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU

(Geoffrey will greet other guests as far as possible)

(Before the Offertory hymn the new Vicar will respond briefly to the many welcomes & announce the services for Sunday....A Collection will be taken, part of which will go to the Bishop's Ordination Training Fund.)

1 GIVE me the faith which can remove
And sink the mountain to a plain;
Give me the childlike praying love,
Which longs to build thy house again;
Thy love, let it my heart o'erpower,
And all my simple soul devour.

2 I would the precious time redeem,
And longer live for this alone:
To spend, and to be spent, for them
Who have not yet my Saviour known;
Fully on these my mission prove,
And only breathe, to breathe thy love.

3 My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord,
Into thy blessed hands receive;
And let me live to preach thy word,
And let me to thy glory live;
My every sacred moment spend
In publishing the sinners' friend.

4 Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart
With boundless charity divine:
So shall I all my strength exert,
And love them with a zeal like thine;
And lead them to thy open side,
The sheep for whom their Shepherd died.



Charles Wesley (1707-88)

BISHOP: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

BISHOP THE LORD IS HERE
ALL HIS SPIRIT IS WITH US

BISHOP LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS
ALL WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD

BISHOP LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD
ALL IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS & PRAISE

BISHOP It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
& made us a people for your own possession

THEERFORE with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great & glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD,
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ...

Who in the same night that he was betrayed
took bread & gave you thanks....

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup & gave you thanks...
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

CHRIST HAS DIED
CHRIST IS RISEN
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross....

Accept through him, our great high priest
this our sacrifice of thanks & praise;
& as we eat & drink these holy gifts...
unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven,
we worship you Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL: BLESSING AND HONOUR AND GLORY AND POWER
BE YOURS FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN

Silence may be kept....

As Our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

" OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN....."

BISHOP: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

ALL: THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE BODY,
BECAUSE WE ALL SHARE IN ONE BREAD.

WE SING
JESUS, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
JESUS, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
JESUS, redeemer of the world: give us
your peace.

During the Communion we sing:

*Sweet Sacrament divine, Hid in thy earthly home,
Lo! round thy lowly shrine, With suppliant hearts we come,
Jesus to thee our voice we raise, In songs of love & heart-
felt praise,
Sweet Sacrament divine, Sweet Sacrament divine.*

Sweet Sarament of peace, Dear home of every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease, And sorrows all depart,
There in thine ear all trustfully, We tell our tale
of misery,
Sweet Sacrament of peace, Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sarament of rest, Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest, Soon may we reach the shore
Save us for still the tempest raves; Save, lest we
sink beneath the waves,
Sweet Sacrament of rest, Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine, Earth's light & jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine Thy Godhead's majesty.
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, That earthly
joys may fade away,
Sweet Sacrament divine, Sweet Sacrament divine.

LIVING LORD

Lord, Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.

Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION SENTENCE

BISHOP: Jesus said, You have not chosen me; I have
chosen you. Go & bear fruit that will last.

ALL: Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls & bodies
to be a living sacrifice
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. AMEN

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN

Prophets, priests & kings

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
this world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to all mankind.

(We remain standing for the Blessing & Dismissal)

BISHOP

BLESSING

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

ALL

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AMEN

Thank you for being with us this evening. Please
join us in the Church Hall for light refreshments.
This will give us the chance of meeting each other,
of saying thank you to those who have helped us
during the long vacancy and, above all, one more
way of welcoming Geoffrey Ward as our Vicar.

