



**THE LICENSING OF  
THE REVEREND BETH LEWIS  
AS TEAM VICAR IN  
THE CHEAM TEAM MINISTRY  
BY THE BISHOP OF CROYDON**

**ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH  
8.00PM THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

*Please stand as the bell is rung.*

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN (SUNG BY THE CHOIR)**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

*(Henry Francis Lyte)*

### **THE GREETING**

*Bishop* 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 COLLECT

*Bishop* Let us pray  
Merciful God,  
who by your Spirit raised up your servant Teresa of  
Avila  
to reveal to your Church the way of perfection:  
grant that her teaching  
may awaken in us a longing for holiness,  
until we attain to the perfect union of love  
in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit for the reading.*

## READING: WISDOM 7.7-10, 15-16

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.  
I preferred her to sceptres and thrones,  
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.  
Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,  
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,  
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.  
I loved her more than health and beauty,  
and I chose to have her rather than light,  
because her radiance never ceases.  
May God grant me to speak with judgement,  
and to have thoughts worthy of what I have received;  
for he is the guide even of wisdom  
and the corrector of the wise.  
For both we and our words are in his hand,  
as are all understanding and skill in crafts.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5.13-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

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

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit for the sermon.*

## THE SERMON: The Bishop of Croydon

### THE PRESENTATION

*The Team Vicar designate is presented to the Bishop.*

Bishop Jonathan, I present to you Beth Lewis, to be licensed to the cure of souls as Team Vicar of this parish.

*The Bishop replies*

Thank you for your presentation, which I am happy to accept.

### **THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND THE OATHS**

*The Declaration of Assent, the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience are administered by the Archdeacon.*

### **THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS**

*Bishop* Beth, before you receive this share in our pastoral charge will you, before God and this congregation, renew your dedication to Christ as a priest of the new covenant?

*Priest* I will.

*Bishop* At your ordination you accepted the responsibility of the priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to him by being diligent in prayer and the study of the Holy Scriptures? Will you continually stir up the gift of God that is within you to make Christ known to all?

*Priest* With the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Are you resolved to be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God, to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgies with sincere devotion? Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

*Priest* With the help of God, I will.

*Bishop* Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve? Will you do all that is within your power to build up the Church which is the Body of Christ?

*Priest* With the help of God, I will.

### **THE COMMISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

*Bishop* My brothers and sisters, we who are baptised are called to worship and serve the living God. As a new chapter begins in the life of this parish, let us recommit ourselves in the service of God and neighbour that the good news of his salvation may be known in our lives, our homes and our community.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

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

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

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

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

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

*All* **With the help of God, we 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?

*All* **With the help of God, we 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.

*All* **Amen.**

### **THE LICENSING**

*The Bishop reads the license. The Team Vicar designate kneels before the Bishop.*

*Bishop* Receive the cure of souls, which is both mine and yours, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then blesses the new Team Vicar, saying:*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
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;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
come down upon you and remain with you always.

*The Team Vicar answers*  
Amen.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*The new Team Vicar leads the intercessions*

## **THE WELCOME**

*The Bishop presents the new priest to the congregation saying*  
People of God, I present to you Beth. as your new Team Vicar.

*The Churchwardens greet the new Team Vicar*

On behalf of Cheam Parish we welcome you as our new  
Team Vicar. We promise that we will bear our full share with  
you in all the work of the parish.

*The Team Vicar replies:*

Thank you for your welcome. Let us pray daily for one  
another that we may work together for Christ with faithfulness,  
zeal and love.

*The Team Vicar gives the notices.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Please stand.*

*Bishop* We are the Body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN (SUNG BY THE CHOIR)**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil has entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast. *(William Chatterton Dix)*

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*Please stand.*

*Bishop* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bishop* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All* The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Bishop* Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word, through whom  
you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because within the royal  
priesthood of your Church you ordain ministers to proclaim  
the word of God, to care for your people and to celebrate the  
sacraments of the new covenant.

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

*Choir* 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.

*We sit or kneel.*

*Bishop* Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*All* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind  
his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Theresa, Dunstan, Oswald, Alban  
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Bishop* As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **FRACTION**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread*

*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.**

### **AGNUS DEI (SUNG BY THE CHOIR)**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.

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you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Bishop says the invitation to communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*The Bishop and people receive communion. Other than the Bishop, communion will be in one kind only. Please follow the directions from our team of welcomers, ensuring that you keep a suitable distance from others at all times and use hand sanitizer before receiving.*

*Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Communion. If you would prefer a blessing please bring this booklet with you. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free wafer.*

## COMMUNION HYMN (SUNG BY THE CHOIR)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou gavest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

*(Walter Chalmers Smith)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand.*

*Bishop* God of truth,  
whose Wisdom set her table  
and invited us to eat the bread  
and drink the wine of the kingdom;  
help us to lay aside all foolishness  
and to live and walk in the way of insight,  
that we may come with Teresa of Avila  
to the eternal feast of heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* May Almighty God,  
who for the salvation of the world gives to his people  
many gifts and ministries to the advancement of his glory,  
stir up in you the gifts of his grace,  
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.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Bishop* Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN (SUNG BY THE CHOIR)**

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?

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.  
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.

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.

*(John Mason)*

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