

**BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S SCHOOL  
CATHEDRAL SERVICE**

**JANUARY 23rd, 2025**

*'Living stones'*

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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Dr Smallwood

*We stand to sing the*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

From Heaven, you came helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone Him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

*We sit*

## OPENING RESPONSES

Led by Luke Herbert,  
Cathedral Prefect

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

We have come together,  
to pray for our world, our school and each other;  
to give thanks for all that we have been given;  
to seek strength and meaning  
by being alongside each other  
in the presence of God.

But first we pause to put down what does not build up;  
to put ourselves right with ourselves, each other and God.

For when we used stones not to build but to throw,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For when we were only interested in building our own dreams  
and overlooked the needs of others,  
**Christ, have mercy.**

For when we knocked down what others had built,  
what others cared about.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## READING

A reading from the Bible, from the first letter of Peter  
"Be living stones"

Read by Ewan Irvin,  
Year 8.

## ANTHEM

Hymn to the Virgin  
Benjamin Britten

Sung by the Choir

## READING

Do it Anyway  
Attributed to St. Teresa of Calcutta

Read by Toby Ransome,  
Year 13

## ADDRESS

The Chaplain

## ANTHEM

From East to West  
Don Gillthorpe

Chamber Choir

## PRAYERS

Led by Baaba Forson  
Cathedral prefect

*During the prayers, when Baaba says "Lord, in your mercy", please reply "hear our prayer". Our prayers end with*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We stand to sing*

## HYMN

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

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;  
be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord;  
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,  
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;  
be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true Might;  
be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,  
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

*We remain standing for the*

## BLESSING

Given by the Chaplain

*Our thanks to Mr Edney, the Choir, Chamber Choir and Revd. Mark Wood at the organ and to our readers. Our thanks also to Baaba and Luke, our Cathedral Prefects, for choosing the hymns today and working so hard to set up the service; to all who have volunteered to help them.*

*Please take your service sheets back to school and recycle them wherever possible. Thank you!*