



Leicester **Cathedral**
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Service of Celebration for the 250th Anniversary of The Leicester Royal Infirmary



3.00pm
Sunday 12 September 2021



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The music at this service is sung by the Senior Girls and Songmen of the Cathedral Choir.
The Organist is David Cowen.

Introductory Note

Revd William Watts (1725-1786), priest and physician, founded the Leicester Infirmary through public subscription and building began on a site to the South of the city of Leicester in 1768. Three years later, the Infirmary opened to its first patients on 11 September 1771. There were five wards with 40 beds in total, and a staff of just 2 physicians, two surgeons, a matron and 2 nurses. The cost was £2,762 including the land plus an additional £37 for a well dug shortly after opening, as initially there was no running water. Instead, it had its own brewery: it was safer to drink beer which had a low alcohol content, as water carried disease at that time. Patients paid a deposit when they were admitted to the hospital, and the money was repaid if they went home - if they died, the deposit covered their burial!

To mark the opening of the Infirmary in September 1771, a service was held in St. Martin's Church. Ernest Reginald Frizelle, a former senior surgeon at the hospital, writing at the time of the bicentenary, notes the following about that occasion:

“When the day came and the long life of the hospital began, the governors with the surgeons and visiting apothecaries met at 10 a.m. at the Three Cranes, and their ladies at the Three Crowns, to walk in procession to St. Martin's church, where the sermon was preached by Dr John Green, the Bishop of Lincoln, on the text ‘And he healed many who were sick of divers diseases’ [Mark 1.34]. The service included the singing of the Coronation Anthem by the choir of St Margaret's church and select pieces from the Messiah were performed.” Frizelle notes that the Coronation Anthem was probably one of the four composed for the coronation of George II. It was used for subsequent anniversary celebrations and is likely to be ‘Zadok the Priest’.

Today, St. Martin's Church is now Leicester Cathedral and the Leicester Infirmary has grown magnificently from its small beginnings, becoming Leicester Royal Infirmary in 1912 and now thriving as part of the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. It is a great joy to hold this service in the very place where the inaugural service was held 250 years ago, almost to the day. We now find ourselves in the Diocese of Leicester, rather than Lincoln, so it is very fitting that the current Bishop of Leicester should give the sermon at today's service, and we shall also hear ‘Zadok the Priest’ as a further connection with Revd Watts and those of his generation who first had the vision for the Leicester Infirmary.

I am grateful to Irene Turlington, Cathedral Historian, who has provided much of the information here through her research into the Infirmary's history.

Canon Emma Davies, Canon Precentor

ORDER OF SERVICE

The organ is played before the service. All stand as the ministers enter in procession.

The Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, welcomes all to the service including those joining in online, then prays

Eternal God, we have come from scattered lives into this place.
Together, may we raise our voices in thanksgiving,
listen for wisdom in the silence,
and sing with gratitude and joy.
Hear the prayers of our hearts
and receive all we offer this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye 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.**

*PRAISE MY SOUL (AM766)
John Goss (1800–1880)*

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
based on Psalm 103*

All sit.

The Infirmary and the journey so far
*Read by Colonel (Retd) Ian Crowe, Non-Executive Director,
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust*

All remain seated for

The Poem
Happy Birthday LRI!
Written and performed by Rob Gee

The Dean leads

The Thanksgiving

We give thanks to God for those people of vision and generosity who brought the Infirmary into being:

We give thanks.

We give thanks to God for the many leaders and workers who have enabled the Infirmary to grow from strength to strength:

We give thanks.

We give thanks to God for the medical and nursing care received by patients at the Infirmary over these past 250 years:

We give thanks.

All remain seated. The Choir sings

Psalm 92.1–6

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord :
and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest.
To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning :
and of thy truth in the night season;
Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute :
upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.
For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works :
and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.
O Lord, how glorious are thy works :
thy thoughts are very deep.
An unwise man doth not well consider this :
and a fool doth not understand it.

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.

Sir Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)

All remain seated for

The Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 42.5–7**

*Read by Dr Rachel Marsh, Deputy Medical Director,
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Here ends the first reading.

All stand. The Choir sings

The Magnificat **The Song of Mary**

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.

Luke 1.46–55

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.

Magnificat in E
Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

The New Testament Reading

Luke 10.25–37

Read by Jenny Squance, President of the Leicestershire Nurses' League

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

The Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Here ends the second reading.

All stand. The Choir sings

Nunc dimittis The Song of Simeon

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.

Luke 2.29–32

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.

Nunc dimittis in E
Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

All sit for a personal reflection about experience of the pandemic

Our Story

Told by Susan Lear, Domestic Manager, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

*All remain seated. The Revd Mark Burleigh, Head of Chaplaincy and Bereavement Services,
and The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Canon Precentor, lead*

The Prayers

Loving God, we thank you for our NHS and today particularly for the Leicester Royal Infirmary. We thank you that for 250 years hospital staff have cared for those in need, from the youngest premature babies to the oldest members of our community.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We remember the hard work and dedication of so many roles and professions, Managers & Maintenance staff, Cleaners & Car park attendants, Security & Surgeons, Nurses & Network technicians, Doctors & Dietitians, Pathologists & Porters, Housekeepers & HR.

We give thanks today for these and so many more, all working as one team to care for those in need.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We also pray for the most important people in our hospitals – the patients and their families. We pray that they may find strength, healing and peace. We pray especially for those who are in pain or close to death. Stand by them at this time we pray.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the dedication and commitment of staff and volunteers who have laboured under the pressure of the COVID-19, in many cases at much personal cost to themselves and their families. We remember with deep sadness the staff who lost their lives during the pandemic, as well as their grieving families.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We remember those patients who have died in the past months, and the additional distress caused to families who were not able to be with their loved one in their last hours. We pray that you will bring them comfort in their grief and help them to face the future with hope.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the fruitful partnership with Leicester University and pray for all who are engaged in education and research to further good treatment for all. As we look to the future with a hoped-for end to this pandemic and a desire to catch up with delayed treatments, we pray for the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. Give wisdom to all who are leading and planning the work ahead and the reconfiguration of Leicester's hospitals.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We bring all our prayers said and unsaid to God
in the words of The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

All stand to sing

The Hymn

This hymn, celebrating the founding and work of the NHS, was written in 1998 for a special service in Leicester Cathedral celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NHS. Verse three was added in 2021 to recognise the efforts and courage of people during the pandemic.

**O God who longs to make us whole in body, spirit, mind,
we praise you for the hopes and dreams you share with humankind:
for those in pow'r whom you inspired to share the nation's wealth,
that rich and poor alike might know security and health.**

**We give you thanks for those who strive that knowledge might increase;
for all in office, ward or home whose efforts never cease;
for those who give of wealth or self, who care or who campaign,
and all who bravely watch and wait to share your people's pain;**

**for those in countless walks of life who daily work and strive
to keep each other safe and well, and help the weak to thrive;
for those who go beyond the call in myriad other ways,
and keep alive the light of hope in dark and cheerless days.**

**O give us grace to trust your love when hope remains concealed,
to watch and pray beside the ones who are not swiftly healed.
And grant us faith, when death itself provides its own release,
to trust in your undying love to give them perfect peace.**

**Give us, O God, your loving zeal to comfort, heal and save,
to care for one another ‘from the cradle to the grave’.
Then north to south, and east to west, let love and hope extend,
until the universe is whole and justice knows no end.**

KINGSFOLD (AM669)
Melody from English County Songs, 1893,
collected by Lucy Broadwood (1858–1929)
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Michael Forster (b.1946)
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All sit for

The Sermon

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester

All remain seated. The Choir sings

The Anthem

Zadok the Priest

*This anthem is thought to have been sung at the inauguration
service of the LRI in this holy place on 11 September 1771.*

Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon King.
And all the people rejoiced and said: God save the King! Long live the
King! God save the King! May the King live for ever, amen, allelujah.

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

1 Kings 1.39–40

All remain seated for

Leicester Royal Infirmary now: the Trust Values

Rebecca Brown, Acting Chief Executive of
University Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust

All remain seated. Members of the Chaplaincy Team give voice from different faiths and beliefs to a common thread of service for others uniting all.

The Golden Rule

Baha'i Faith – *Barbara Winner, Chaplaincy Volunteer*

Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself.

Buddhism – *Kelsang Monlam, Chaplaincy Volunteer*

Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.

Christianity – *The Revd Hilary Lomax, Chaplain*

In everything, do unto others as you would have them do to you: for this is the law and the prophets.

Hinduism – *Lalit Dave, Chaplain*

This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.

Humanism – *Dr Louie Savva, Chaplain*

The ethic of reciprocity means we believe people should aim to treat each other as they would like to be treated themselves – with tolerance, consideration, and compassion.

Islam – *Rukia Manjothi, Chaplain*

Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself.

Jainism – *Rajnikant Shah, Chaplaincy Volunteer*

One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated.

Judaism – *Leon Charikar, Chaplaincy Out-of-Hours Support*

What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour.
This is the whole Torah. All the rest is commentary.

Sikhism – *Sulakhan Singh Dard, Chaplaincy Volunteer*

I am a stranger to no one. And no one is a stranger to me.
I am a friend to all.

The 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 to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed 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.**

*NUN DANKET (AM739i)
Melody by Johann Crüger in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1647
harmony chiefly from Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Lobegesang, 1840*

*Nun danket alle Gott
Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)*

All remain standing. The Dean leads

The Act of Commitment

I invite you all, whatever your faith or background, to join with me as we affirm our common commitment to future service together:

Will you continue to care for every person in need?

We will.

Will you continue to support your colleagues along the way?

We will.

Will you continue to dedicate yourselves to the service of healing and wholeness?

We will.

All remain standing. The Bishop leads

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
and his guidance on your way at every change and turn;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

As the ministers leave, the Organist plays the Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott (Marche Triomphale)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

*There will be a retiring collection which will be split between
Leicester Hospitals Charity (supporting the University Hospitals of Leicester
NHS Trust) and Leicester Cathedral.*

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if you wish, before you leave.*

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