



***The Order of Service for***

***The Institution by the Bishop of Blackburn  
and Induction by the Archdeacon of Lancaster  
of the Revd Carol Backhouse  
to the Cure of Souls as  
Vicar of Lancaster Christ Church***

***Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7:00 pm***



**This service of induction is the time when the priest takes up their position as new incumbent for the parish(es). In the service the new priest declares their faith in Christ, as uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and makes promises of allegiance to the Queen and obedience to the Bishop. It is also the time when, represented by visiting the Altar, the Lectern and the Font, both new priest and the people promise to uphold the ministry of word and sacrament and to fulfil the diocesan vision to make disciples, be witnesses and to grow leaders. It is a time of welcome, thanksgiving and celebration for everyone as a new ministry begins and a new chapter in the life of the parish opens up.**

## **The Service of Institution and Induction to a Cure of Souls**

### **¶**            *The Gathering*

*The Patron with the Incumbent designate  
The Archdeacon  
The Churchwardens  
The Bishop*

*The Incumbent designate sits in the front pew.*

### **The Greeting**

*Bishop*            In the name of the Father,  
                         and of the Son,  
                         and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*                **Amen.**

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

*All*                **and also with you.**

*The Bishop introduces the service in these or other words*

*Bishop*            Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are here as the family of God in our Father's presence to offer Him our worship and praise, to hear and receive His holy word, and to pray for His blessing on all who work in his name.  
Today we thank God for the ministry and mission of his Church over the years in this parish and for those who have shared in it during the time of vacancy.  
And now we welcome Carol and as we commission her to this new ministry so we rededicate ourselves to the call of God, to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders, that we may fulfil our calling to be a healthy church that transforms its community.  
Let us pray that, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, God will renew us in ministry and mission.

*Bishop* Heavenly Father, bless this parish and those who minister here, that with Carol they may fulfil your loving purposes for those who live and work in this place. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

### **The Presentation**

*The Bishop sits. The Patron, or a representative, the Incumbent designate and the Churchwardens stand before the bishop*

*Patron* Bishop Julian, I present Carol Louisa Backhouse to be instituted to the parish of Lancaster Christ Church

*Bishop* Thank you for your presentation, which I accept.

*Words of commendation may be offered from the priest's previous church*

*The Incumbent designate turns to face the congregation*

*Bishop* It is my pleasure to introduce Carol to you who is to be your new Incumbent.

People of this parish and all who share in Christ's ministry here, will you support each other in that ministry and now welcome Carol among you?

*People* **In Christ's name we will.**

*The Incumbent designate returns to the front pew*

### **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Collect**

*Bishop* Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer for all Your servants,  
especially for Your Church in this place;  
that each of us in our vocation and ministry  
may serve You in holiness and truth,  
to the glory of Your name and the good of Your Church  
and give to Your servant Carol, now to be Instituted, the needful gifts of grace,  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit for the readings from Scripture. At the end the reader will say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Isaiah 40: 3-11**

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Philippians I. 1-11**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*The congregation stands for the Gospel reading*

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

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

**John 4: 5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in

common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. 'The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it? 'Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. 'The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back. 'The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true! 'The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem. 'Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. 'The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming '(who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us. 'Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want? 'or, 'Why are you speaking with her? 'Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? 'They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something. 'But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about. 'So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat? 'Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done. 'So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

*at the end*      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*              **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

¶ *The Institution*

***Declaration and Oaths***

*The Declaration of Assent*

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

*The Incumbent designate makes the following declaration:*

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

*All stand*

*The Incumbent designate takes the Oaths, holding the Bible in her right hand and facing the congregation*

*The Oath of Allegiance*

I, Carol Louisa Backhouse, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, her heirs and Successors, according to Law; so help me God.

*The Oath of Canonical Obedience, facing the Bishop*

I, Carol Louisa Backhouse, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Blackburn and his Successors in all things lawful and honest; so help me God.

*The Bishop then replies*

Thank you for this declaration of loyalty. On behalf of our diocese I, with all God's people here, undertake to support and uphold you in your new ministry.

***The Promises of Priest and People***

*Bishop* Beloved in Christ, before we proceed to the Institution, let priest and people be reminded of their duties within the Church of God and affirm their readiness to share in fulfilling our vision as healthy churches transforming communities.

*The Area Dean leads the Incumbent designate, Churchwardens, Archdeacon and the Bishop to the sanctuary. Bread and wine may be placed on the Altar.*

*Archdeacon* It is the duty of the parish priest to be, like Christ the true High Priest, a faithful minister in the Church of God; to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and to nourish the people of God.

*Bishop* Carol, relying on the power of the Spirit, will you act as a faithful steward of the mysteries of God, lead your people in worship and prayer, and raise up leaders, that together you may proclaim God's saving love to his world?

*Priest* By God's grace, I will.

*Bishop* People of this parish will you be faithful in public worship and private prayer?  
Will you delight in obeying Jesus' command to remember His death until He comes again and to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion regularly as part of your growth in discipleship?

*People* **By God's grace, we will.**

*Parishioner* Carol, be among us to break the bread and bless the cup, so that we may obey the command of Christ to do this in remembrance of Him.

*The procession moves to the lectern and a Bible may be placed upon it.*

*Archdeacon* It is the duty of the parish priest to be, like Christ, a teacher; to study and reflect upon the truth of Holy Scripture; through preaching and teaching to proclaim the truths of the Gospel; and to help all people grow as disciples of Christ.

*Bishop* Carol, relying on the power of the Spirit, will you be faithful in studying, teaching and proclaiming the truth of Holy Scripture, ordering your life to reflect to others the Gospel of Christ?

*Priest* By God's grace, I will.

*Bishop* People of this parish, will you be faithful in Bible Study and seek to grow as disciples of Christ?

*People* **By God's grace we will.**

*Parishioner* Carol, be among us as one who helps us joyfully hear and obey and proclaim the Word of God.

*All turn to face the font as the procession moves to the font.*

*Water may be poured into the font..*

*Archdeacon* It is the duty of the parish priest to be like Christ, a herald of God's Kingdom and a servant of the needy, to administer the sacrament of Baptism with due care and preparation, to nurture within the faith those who have been baptised and to prepare members of the Church for confirmation,

*Bishop* Carol, relying on the power of the Spirit will you give yourself gladly and willingly to serving the spiritual and material needs of this community, to baptise them in the faith and equip them to be witnesses in the world?

*Priest* By God's grace, I will.

*Bishop* People of this parish will you work to transform this community with the love of Christ, giving willingly of your time, money and energy to make God's Kingdom visible in this place?

*People* **By God's grace, we will.**

*Parishioner* Carol, be among us as one who helps us to obey Christ's command to be his witnesses in word and deed.

*Bishop* People of this parish, through prayer and action will you support Carol in her calling to serve, so nurturing the ministry she shares; and will you tend to her wellbeing and spiritual growth?

*People* **By God's grace, we will.**

*Bishop* Priest and people, together we have made solemn promises to serve God and His world. Let us pray for the guiding and empowering of God's Spirit that we may fulfil the vision He has entrusted to us:

*All say together the Vision Prayer*

**Heavenly Father,  
we embrace Your call for us to make disciples,  
to be witnesses and to grow leaders.  
Give us eyes to see Your vision,  
ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit  
and courage to follow in the footsteps of Your Son,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The procession returns to the Bishop's chair.*

### ***The Institution***

*All kneel, the Incumbent designate kneeling before the Bishop who invites the people to pray in silence.*

*Bishop* Carol, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. In your work and ministry, and with your colleagues, care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.

By your words and in your life preach the gospel.  
and show to people the glory and beauty of Jesus.  
Give time for yourself, your family and friends.  
Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them  
by word and sacrament and strengthen them to glorify  
God in this life and in the life to come.

*The Bishop sits and reads the Deed of Institution and gives it to the priest with the words.*

Receive your cure and mine;  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The bishop stands and, taking his staff, blesses the priest:*

Carol, the Lord give you courage, wisdom, strength  
and love to do his will:  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

### ***The Induction***

Stand

*Bishop* Archdeacon David, I ask you now to induct Carol in the presence of the Churchwardens and this congregation, and to support her, so inducted.

*Archdeacon* I invite representatives of the Parochial Church Council, and the Churchwardens to accompany me to the main door of the Church.

*The Bishop moves to his seat in the sanctuary and the Archdeacon's procession moves to the main door of the church. The Archdeacon signs to the Incumbent to place her hand on the handle of the door and says to her*

By authority of the Bishop, I induct you, Carol Louisa Backhouse, into the real, actual and corporal possession of the Church of Lancaster Christ Church.

The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

*The Incumbent tolls the bell as a sign of taking possession of the benefice and the procession moves to the stall.*

### ***The Installation***

*The Archdeacon leads the Incumbent to and places her in her seat. The priest sits down and the Archdeacon says to her*

Carol, I place you in one of the accustomed seats of the priest of this parish, and may God's blessing rest upon your ministry.

*Priest* Amen.

### *The Prayers*

*All kneel or sit as the Incumbent leads the people in prayer, during which the following response is used:*

*Priest* Your Kingdom come:  
*All* **Your will be done.**

*The intercessions conclude with the Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever  
Amen.**

Sit

### **The Welcome**

*The new Incumbent may be welcomed by the Churchwardens, representatives of the deanery, of other churches and the community.*

*The Incumbent then invites the people to join with her when she first preaches the Word of God and celebrates the Holy Communion in this church, and gives any notices.*

¶ *The Dismissal*

### **The Blessing**

*The Bishop gives the blessing after which the procession leaves Church in the following order.*

*The Patron  
The Archdeacon  
The Churchwardens  
The Bishop with the new Incumbent*

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