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**2022 Visitations**

Hereford Archdeaconry

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### ***The Blessing***

May the Father, whose glory  
fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.

***All Amen.***

May the Son, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

***All Amen.***

May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

***All Amen.***

And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always

***All Amen.***

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*Archdeacon*

Will you persevere in resisting evil,  
and in penitence and faith resolve  
to live a godly life  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ?  
**All With the help of God, we will.**

*Hymn:*

1 Come and see the shining hope that Christ's apostle saw;  
on the earth, confusion but in heaven an open door,  
where the living creatures praise the Lamb for evermore:  
Love has the victory for ever!

Chorus

Amen, he comes! to bring his own reward!  
Amen, praise God! for justice now restored;  
kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of the Lord:  
Love has the victory for ever!

2 All the gifts you send us, Lord, are faithful, good and true;  
holiness and righteousness are shown in all you do:  
who can see your greatest Gift and fail to worship you?  
Love has the victory for ever!

Chorus

3 Power and salvation all belong to God on high!  
So the mighty multitudes of heaven make their cry,  
singing Hallelujah! where the echoes never die:  
Love has the victory for ever

Chorus

Christopher Idle from Revelation 4, 5, 15  
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**Lay Chair / Rural Dean: Welcome**

*Hymn:*

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
Might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
Knows and names them as they shine!

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know.  
Those who fear him find his mercies,  
Peace for pain and joy for woe;  
Humble hearts are high exalted,  
Human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
Spring to melt the snows of winter  
Till the waters flow again;  
Grass upon the mountain pastures,  
Golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Peace and plenty crown your days!  
Love his laws, declare his judgements,  
Walk in all his words and ways;  
He the Lord and we his children,  
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Timothy Dudley Smith

*Timothy Dudley Smith, 9 Ashlands Ford Salisbury SP4 6DY*

*Archdeacon* O God, make speed to save us.

**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Archdeacon* If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

**All if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

*Archdeacon* Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;

**All today I am glorified with him.**

*Archdeacon* Yesterday I was dead with Christ;

**All today I am sharing in his resurrection.**

*Archdeacon* Yesterday I was buried with him;

**All today I am waking with him.**

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.**

*Churchwardens stand.*

*Archdeacon / Bishop / Registrar*

I admit as Churchwardens all you  
who have made this solemn declaration.

May our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

in all you do in his service,

and give you grace to fulfil this office

to the glory of God and for the good of his people.

**Amen**

*The newly admitted Churchwardens say together:*

Wardens      **I will speak out for those who have no voice.**

**I will stand up for the rights of all the oppressed.**

**I will speak truth and justice.**

**I will defend the poor and needy.**

**I will speak out for those who have no choices.**

**I will cry out for those who live without love.**

**I will show God's compassion to the crushed**

**and broken in spirit.**

**I will lift up the weak in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*The clergy and others also stand.*

*Archdeacon*

Let us now together reaffirm our various ministries.

Will you endeavour to continue

in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread

and in prayers for the church and the world?

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

Will you, as leaders elected by your parish and as partners with your incumbent, promote God's mission through pastoral care, sharing the good news, serving the community and working for the unity of God's church?

Wardens

**We will, with the help of God**

Archdeacon

(Bishop /Registrar)

Will you do your best to ensure that the church building and its contents are properly maintained, and that they offer a welcome and a witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ?

Wardens

**We will, with the help of God**

Archdeacon

(Bishop /Registrar)

Will you care for your clergy and support them in their ministry, offering guidance and advice and ensuring that responsibilities are shared?

Wardens

**We will, with the help of God**

### **The Administration of the Declaration**

Wardens

**I solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of the office of Churchwarden within the parish in which I am called to serve for the coming year.**

*Archdeacon* That this time may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind...

*Silence is kept.*

As our prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

*Sit*

*The Reading:*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**

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

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

*Archdeacon* Will you endeavour to serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself, and welcoming the stranger in your midst?

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

*Archdeacon* Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and seeking peace and justice?

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

*Sit or kneel for prayer*

*Archdeacon* Let us pray

*After prayer led by the archdeacon, all join in the prayer:*

**All Merciful God,**

**you have called us to be members of Christ and of his Church in this Archdeaconry.**

**May we and our congregations reach  
up to your throne in adoration and worship;  
in to one another in love and fellowship;  
and out to the world in evangelism and care;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**All Thanks be to God.**

***The Archdeacon's address***

Hymn:

Will You Come And Follow Me  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Go Where You Don't Know  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Let My Love Be Shown,  
Will You Let My Name Be Known,  
Will You Let My Life Be Grown  
In You And You In Me?

Will You Leave Yourself Behind  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Care For Cruel And Kind  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Risk The Hostile Stare  
Should Your Life Attract Or Scare?  
Will You Let Me Answer Prayer  
In You And You In Me?

Will You Let The Blinded See  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Set The Prisoners Free  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,  
And Do Such As This Unseen,  
And Admit To What I Mean  
In You And You In Me?

Will You Love The 'You' You Hide  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Quell The Fear Inside  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Use The Faith You've Found  
To Reshape The World Around,  
Through My Sight And Touch And Sound  
In You And You In Me?

Lord, Your Summons Echoes True  
When You But Call My Name.  
Let Me Turn And Follow You  
And Never Be The Same.  
In Your Company I'll Go  
Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.  
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow  
In You And You In Me.

Graham Maule, John L. Bell  
*1987 Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland G2 3DH*

**The Declaration and Admittance of Churchwardens**

*The Archdeacon invites the Churchwardens quietly to read through  
the declaration which they are about to make.  
After a moment's silence, the Churchwardens stand and make their  
declaration together:*

Archdeacon

(Bishop /Registrar)

Churchwardens are officers of the bishop,  
responsible for representing the laity,  
supporting and cooperating with their  
incumbent and caring for the church building  
and its contents.