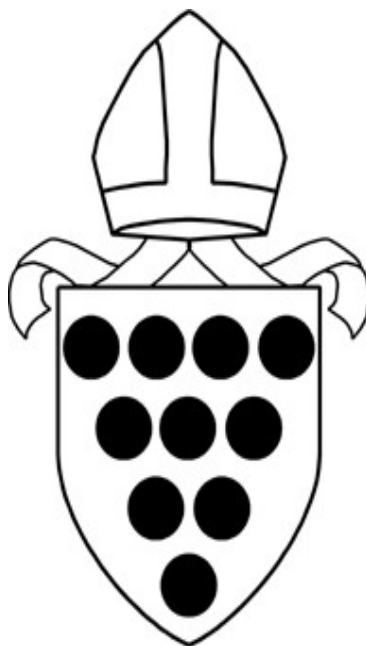


# **The Diocese of Worcester**



**Service of Licensing  
of  
the Reverend Emily Spencer  
Vicar in the Chase Team**

**by the Right Reverend Martin Gorick  
Bishop of Dudley**

**and Installation  
by the Venerable Mark Badger  
Archdeacon of Worcester**

## **Deanery welcome**

On behalf of the Malvern and Upton Deanery, I would like to welcome Emily to the Deanery and Chapter. I am confident that through collective discernment and prayer, God's calling of Emily to serve in the Malvern Chase Team will bring great gifts to the people of the parishes. I look forward to working with her in this new setting.

Every blessing

The Reverend Gary Crellin  
Area Dean of Malvern & Upton

# **The Gathering**

## **Song**

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

*The words will be projected onto the screen*

## **Greeting and Welcome**

*The Bishop greets the people*

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 welcomes the people and introduces the service.*

## **Presentation**

*The congregation turns and faces the main door of the church as the new minister enters the church. The congregation turns to face the Bishop as the new minister is presented to the Bishop by the Archdeacon, the Area Dean, the Deanery Lay Chairperson and the Parish Representatives.*

Bishop Martin  
We present to you Emily Spencer

to be licensed as Vicar in the Malvern Chase Team

*The Bishop replies*

I thank you for your presentation.  
I welcome Emily and will gladly license her.

## Opening Prayer

*Please remain standing. The Bishop invites the people to pray for the new minister and for the ministry of the whole Church. All stand for a time of silent prayer, after which the Bishop prays*

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant Emily  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## Bible Reading

Mark 4:35-41

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

All      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept for a short time after the reading.*

## **Sermon**

The Venerable Mark Badger - Archdeacon of Worcester

## **Worship Songs**

*Great are you Lord  
King of Kings*

## **The Licensing**

*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

## **Renewal of Commitment to Ministry and Declarations**

*The new minister stands before the Bishop, who introduces the Declarations and puts these questions to her*

Emily, do you believe that God has called you to share in the ministry of the people of God in this community as their priest and pastor?

*The new minister replies*

**By the help of God, I do.**

Will you be diligent in prayer, in teaching Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith, and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you lead Christ's people in this place in proclaiming his glorious gospel, so that the good news of salvation may be heard?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you, in the celebration of Baptism and Holy Communion, seek to make manifest the presence of Christ incarnate amongst the people of God?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you, in your ministry in this community, be a friend of the needy, a scourge of injustice and a wise steward of God's creation?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to make Christ known among all to whom you minister?

**By the help of God, I will.**

Will you, share your ministry with lay and clergy colleagues, ecumenical partners, and with all who follow the way of Christ in this community?

**By the help of God, I will**

## **Declaration of Assent**

*The Archdeacon addresses the new minister*

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 borne 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 new minister turns to face the Bishop, and says*

I, Emily Spencer, 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 use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

## **Oath of Allegiance**

*The new minister turns to face the people, and says*

I, Emily Spencer do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors according to law.

## Oath of Canonical Obedience

*The new minister turns to face the Bishop, and says*

I, Emily Spencer do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Worcester and their successors, in all things lawful and honest.

*The minister signs the Declaration and the Oaths*

## Licensing

*The new minister kneels before the Bishop who reads the Licence. The Bishop and minister both hold the Licence as the Bishop says*

Emily, receive this cure of souls,  
which is both yours and mine,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*      **Amen.**

## Blessing of the New Minister

*The Bishop blesses the new minister.*

## The Installation

*The new minister stands. The congregation sits. The Bishop says to the Archdeacon*

Archdeacon, I have licensed Emily as Vicar within this Team.  
I now ask you to install her.



*The Archdeacon replies*

I will do so gladly.

*The Archdeacon leads the new minister to the stall of a vicar in the Chase Team. The minister sits in the stall and the Archdeacon says*

Emily, I place you in this stall. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with all joy and peace that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*All*     **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The new minister leads the congregation in prayer.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Seeking the salvation of the world,  
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.**

# ***The Welcome by the Community***

*The Area Dean invites representatives of the Parish, the Deanery, Ecumenical guests to give some brief words of welcome to the new minister.*

*Wardens of the three churches  
The Rector  
The Lay Chair of the Deanery  
Chair of Churches Together in Malvern*

*The new minister expresses thanks for the welcome.*

*The congregation stands.*

**Peace**

*The Bishop introduces the Peace with these words*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all things together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

*All*      The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The new minister says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All greet one another in the peace of Christ. The new minister greets first those who are gathered around her.*

**Hymn**

*During which a collection is taken for the Kingdom People Fund*

*I Heard the voice of Jesus Say*

## ***The Dedication of the People and their Priest***

*The new minister and people of the Church stand,  
while the rest of the congregation remain seated*

*Bishop* Emily is now duly installed as your Vicar in the Chase Team. She has promised to serve in this ministry faithfully. Yet the work of the kingdom in this place is not hers alone but belongs to the whole church. Priest and people together, you are the body of Christ in this place. Through you, God continues his work in the world today. Make full use of the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows on you. Be instruments of Christ's peace and love. Support one another in your lives and homes. Strive for justice. Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, for without him you can do nothing.

I ask you now, priest and people together, do you dedicate yourselves afresh to God in the service of the gospel?

*All* **With God's help, we do.**

*The new minister moves to a central place. Symbols of ministry are presented and shared.*

*The Children and families ministry leader and a young person hand the new minister a flagon of water, and say*

Be among us as one who rejoices to bring new Christians to baptism, and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

*The new minister hands the members of the congregation the flagon of water, and says*

*Priest* Will you share with me in encouraging and sustaining all who come to Christ, to help his people to grow in his life, and shine with his light?

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

*The members of the congregation take the flagon of water to the Font.*

*Licensed ministers hand the new minister a Bible, and says*

Be among us as one who studies the Scriptures, preaching God's love in the Word-made-flesh, to deepen our faith and broaden our understanding.

*The new minister hands the licensed ministers the Bible, and says*

*Priest* Will you join with me in learning and living out the Word, that all may hear and rejoice in the good news of Christ our Saviour and Redeemer?

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

*The licensed ministers take the Bible to the Lectern.*

*The Churchwardens hand the new minister a paten and chalice, and say*

Be among us to break the bread and bless the cup, presiding to celebrate with us the Lord's death and resurrection; that we may know his presence in us, and our hope in him.

*The new priest hands the paten and chalice to them, and says*

*Priest* Will you join me in offering ourselves, in honesty and utter trust, to be a living sacrifice, rejoicing to know that we are the body of Christ, sustained and nurtured by his body and blood?

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

*The Churchwardens take the paten and chalice to the altar*

*Members of the congregation hand the new minister a prayer book, and say*

Be among us as one who holds us in prayer, as one who leads us in worship, in psalm and silence, in canticle and praise, that we may grow in God's image and likeness, and care for the needs of the world.

*The new priest hands the prayer book to the members of the congregation, and say*

*Priest* Will you join me in placing prayer at the heart of this community, at the rising of the sun and its setting, that all may come to be blessed by the light of Christ?

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

*The members of the congregation take the prayer book to the new minister's stall.*

*Everyone stands to pray*

*Priest* O Lord our God,  
in Christ you have raised us to life,  
and called us to share in his purpose and his fullness.  
To you and to your service we devote ourselves:  
all that we have and all that we are.  
Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit;  
strengthen us by your grace;  
nourish us in Word and sacrament.  
In your mercy build us up for your use,  
and use us for your glory;  
and grant that we together may play our part  
in making Christ known in this world,  
living his life here in the hope of a glory to come;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Sending Out

## Blessing

*The Bishop gives this blessing*

*All* Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

*All* Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and forever. Amen.**

*Bishop* Christ our King,  
who gives different ministries to his church  
to prepare God's people for Christian service,  
bless you in the ministry to which he has called you,  
build you together in one body to serve him here,  
and guide you in the ways of justice and of peace;  
that his goodness and mercy may follow you  
all the days of your life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*During the hymn, the Archdeacon of Worcester takes the newly installed minister to the principal door of the church.*

*After the hymn, the new minister rings the church bell to make known to the community that she has begun her new ministry.*

## Dismissal

*The Congregation turn to face the door*

*At the door the Archdeacon lays the hand of the new minister upon the key or handle of the door and says*

The cure of souls is a ministry alongside all those who live or work in these communities. This church must be open to God's world and to all who seek him. Emily, you are called to help the people who are refreshed here by their worship and fellowship to live out their faith in these communities, so that God's love may be known.

*All*     **Together, by God's grace,  
We will be Christ's people at work in the world.**

*All*     The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in  
**from this time forward and for evermore.**

## Dismissal Gospel

*The new minister opens wide the door and, turning to the congregation, says*

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

*All*     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The new minister reads the dismissal gospel*

And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*Matthew 28.18-20*

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

*All* Go in the power of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*The ministers and people depart through the open door.*

*Everyone is invited to the church hall for refreshments to celebrate with Emily.*



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