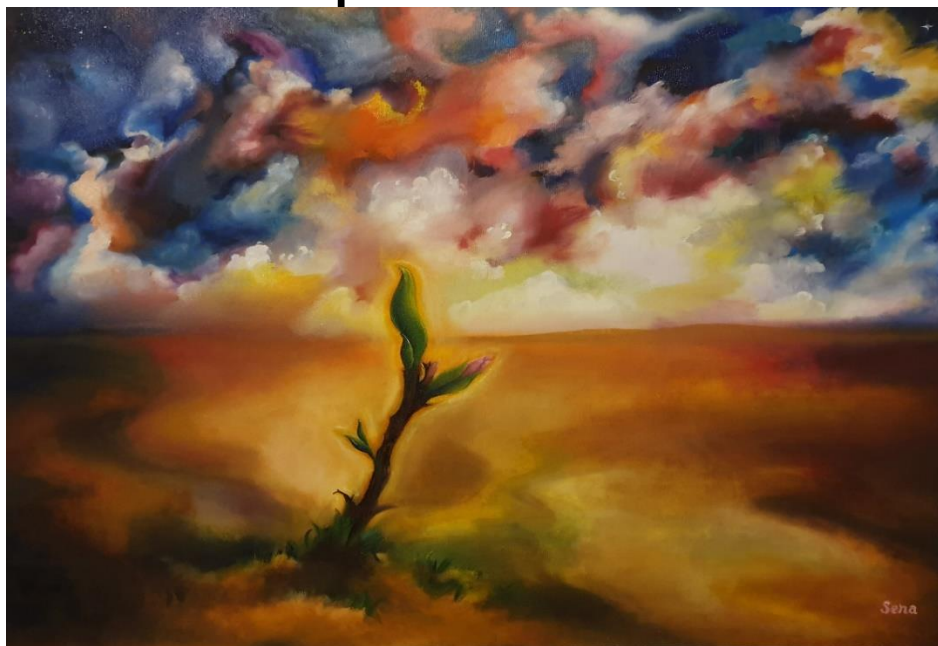


**Welcome Service
for The Rt Revd
Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy
as the 12th
Bishop of Willesden**



**Emmanuel Church, Northwood
4.00pm
Sunday 27 February 2022**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Mindful of the continuing presence of Covid 19, we invite everyone where possible to wear masks throughout the service including when singing.

Music will be led by Emmanuel Church worship team and Mosaic Harrow, supported by The Canterbury Choir of Bishop Ramsey School and The Choir of Holy Trinity CofE Primary School, Northwood.

The painting on the cover of the order of service intitled “Universe of New Beginnings” is a work by the young visual artist Sena (@sena_a_art) and was commissioned for the consecration of Bishop Lusa to episcopal ministry.

Please do take a Good News Postcard after the Service to fill in and post to Bishop Lusa to share your good news story.

All stand to sing

The Processional Hymn

**Let us build a house
Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive:
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place***

**Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
*All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the **W**ord they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of **G**od's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place***

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the **W**ord.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
*All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place***

Marty Haugen

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The Greeting

All remain standing. The Rt Honourable Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, leads

The Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

The Bishop continues with informal words of Welcome and Greeting.

Gathering

Jack Pickford, Pupil at Bishop Ramsey CofE School:

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”?

Isaiah 52:7

Pauline McCalla, Area vice President of the Mothers' Union:

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.”

Ephesians 2:14

**Kindle in our hearts, O God
the flame of that love which never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to
others.**

**May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our Redeemer.
Amen.**

St Columba

The Welcome

The Reverend Bruce Rickards, Chaplain at Heathrow Airport:

Thus you shall welcome him: ‘Peace be to you,
and peace be to your house, and peace be to all
that you have.

1 Samuel 25.6

Alison Tsang, Head of Compassionate Communities:

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ
has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15.7

All sit for

A Meditation

The singing of Angels

*Read by Revd Karen Silcott, Priest in Charge at All Hallows,
North Greenford*

There must be always remaining in every person's
life
 some place for the singing of angels –
 some place for that which in itself is breathlessly
beautiful
 and by an inherent prerogative,
 throwing all the rest of life into a new and creative
relatedness –
 something that gathers up in itself all the freshets
of experience
 from drab and commonplace areas of living
 and glows in one bright light of penetrating beauty
and meaning -- then passes.

The commonplace is shot through with new glory
—
old burdens become lighter,
deep and ancient wounds lose much of their old,
old hurting.

A crown is placed over our heads
that for the rest of our lives we are trying to grow
tall enough to wear. Despite all the crassness of
life, despite all the hardness of life,
despite all of the harsh discords of life,
life is saved by the singing of angels.

Howard Thurman(1899-1981)

*The Venerable Catherine Pickford introduces Area Deans,
Civic and community representatives as well as
representatives from Willesden's diverse faith communities as
they offer a welcome to Bishop Lusa*

All stand to sing (Led by members of Mosaic Harrow)

***Shukran, Kam-sa-hae
gracias, Asante (x2)***

ENGLISH:

**For everything you give us, thank
You Lord**

For people who surround us, **thank you Lord**
For everlasting kindness, **thank You Lord**
And for your faithful presence, **thank You Lord**

Shukran, Kam-sa-hae
gracias, Asante (x2)

FRENCH:

Pour tout ce que tu nous donne,
Merci Dieu

(For everything you give us)

Pour ceux qui nous entourent, **Merci Dieu**

(For those who surround us)

Pour ta victoire éternelle, **Merci Dieu**

(For your eternal victory)

Ta présence fidèle en nous, **Merci Dieu**

(Your faithful presence with us)

Shukran, Kam-sa-hae
gracias, Asante (x2)

KI-SWAHILI:

Kwa kila unachotupa, **Asante**
Kwa wanaotuzunguka, **Asante**
Kwa wema wa milele, **Asante**
Uwepo wako mwaminifu, **Asante**

Shukran, Kam-sa-hae
gracias, Asante (x2)

Song of Praise: A Multilingual Grace Abraham Deng, Grace Funderburgh,
Joshua S. Davis

Welcoming The Word

All sit for

The First Bible Reading

Exodus 3:1-6

*Read by Mrs Jo Hester, headteacher of St John's Primary
School Stanmore*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw

that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All remain seated. The Canterbury Choir of Bishop Ramsay School sings with Holy Trinity School, Northwood, supporting.

Look at the world: Everything all around us
Look at the world: and marvel everyday
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders
So many miracles along our way
Praise to thee o lord for all creation
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share and every blessing

All things come of thee

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river field and plain.
Praise to thee o lord for all creation
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share and every blessing
All things come of thee

Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winters cold
Everything grows, everything has a season
Til' it is gathered to the fathers fold

Praise to thee o lord for all creation
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share and every blessing
All things come of thee

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the lord in token of his love
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty
His is the earth and His the heavens above

Praise to thee, o lord for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,

All things come of thee
All things come of thee

All remain seated for

The Second Reading

John 12:27-36

*Read by Mr. James Wood, Growing Younger Advocate
Willesden Area*

A reading from the gospel according to John.

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

For the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All remain seated for

Homily

The Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Bishop of Willesden

The Anthem

Meekness and Majesty

Sung by the Canterbury Choir of Bishop Ramsay School

Meekness and majesty,
Manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony,
The Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet.

O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.

Father's pure radiance,
Perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience
To death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
Conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify
Prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
In frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,

Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne.

*All remain seated: The Venerable Catherine Pickford
interviews Bishop Lusa*

Seeking God's Strength

*Intercessions for the church, the world and this new ministry
will be led by Rev Tim Meathrel, Vicar of Emmanuel Church,
Northwood and Mrs Kate Meathrel:*

Bishop Sarah:

In the power of the Spirit and in union with
Christ,
let us pray to the Father:

*Our prayers will conclude with the **Lord's Prayer**, led by
Kanwal (Kay) Zertaj in Urdu, whilst each pray in their own
preferred language:*

**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.**

Commissioning for Service

Revd Andrew Corsie, Willesden Area Director of Ministry:

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent
me to bring good news to the oppressed, to
bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to
proclaim the year of the LORD's favour.

Isaiah 61.1–2

*Revd Natasha Woodward, Dean of Women's Ministry,
Willesden Episcopal Area*

After this the Lord appointed seventy others
and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every
town and place where he himself intended to
go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful,

but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10.1–2

Bishop Sarah gives Bishop Lusa the Willesden Crozier and says:

‘Bishops are ordained to be shepherds of Christ’s flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God’s kingdom and leading his people in mission.’

Keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd.

Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the body of Christ.

Please welcome Bishop Lusa in a round of applause!

Sending Out to the World

All sit.

Anna Meathrel, pupil at Holy Trinity Northwood school:

In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Mr John Dolling, Vice Chair of Willesden Area Council:

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5.18

All stand for

The Act of Commitment

Based on the Nolan principles of Public Life

Bishop Sarah:

Jesus said: 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all'.

Mark 9.35

Deputy Lieutenants for the London Boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Harrow, and Hillingdon

I invite everyone to join in this Act of
Commitment
based on the Seven Principles of Public Life.

Will you work together with selflessness,
integrity and objectivity?

We will.

Will you work together with accountability,
openness and honesty?

We will.

Will you lead by example, each one adhering to
these principles of public life?

We will.

Bishop Sarah:

Will you, with us, commit yourselves to uphold
these principles in all you do, that together we
may work for the good of all in our society?

By the help of God, we will.

Tilly Appiah, pupil at Bishop Ramsay CofE school:

I now invite you to affirm together your
commitment to the task of ministry, witness
and service to which God is calling you all.

Bishop: We are to baptise

All: and make new disciples.

Bishop: We are to read God's Holy Word

All: and join together in prayer.

Bishop: We are to attend to God's word

All: and proclaim it in the world.

Bishop: We are to celebrate the Eucharist

All: and be formed as the Body of Christ.

Bishop: We are to care for this community

All: and show the love of Christ to all in need.

Bishop: We are to celebrate the Sacraments of the New
Covenant

All: and bring God's grace to human lives.

Bishop: We are to nurture our children

All: and awaken in them a living faith.

Bishop: We are to lead all people to Jesus Christ

All: and prepare them to enter his heavenly kingdom.

All pray in silence for a while before saying together:

**We declare this day
that the Lord is our God:
We will walk in his ways,
we will keep his decrees,
we will obey his commands,
and live in the power of the Spirit.**

All sit for

The Poem

What the world needs
Read by Maisha & Milao Ngoy

Don't ask what the world needs.
Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.
Because what the world needs is people who have come
alive.

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

All stand.

*Bishop Lusa pronounces the first section in Swahili followed by
Bishop Sarah in English*

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you*

*The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give
you peace.*

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit

come down upon you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

Bishop Lusa says

Go in peace; live justly, seek mercy and walk
humbly with your God

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

*As the procession leaves, all remain standing to sing, led by
Music Group*

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood**

**Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?**

**No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine**

**Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?**

Please stay for refreshments in the Church Hall after the service.

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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always
keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Please pray for Bishop Lusa, Mirjam and their children
as they start their ministry among us.

