

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST JOHN
CLERKENWELL



**THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF
THE HOSPITAL OF
ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM**



THE INSTALLATION OF THE LORD PRIOR
AND
THE INVESTITURE AND RECEPTION
OF A DAME GRAND CROSS
AND OF DAMES AND KNIGHTS

BY

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND PRIOR

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019
AT 3 PM

TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's service combines the Installation of the new Lord Prior of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and the triennial Investiture of new Dames and Knights of the Order. The Grand Prior, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, will preside over the ceremony. Those present today include leading members of the Priories of England and the Islands, Scotland, Wales, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada, Australia, the United States of America, Kenya, and Singapore. Also present are members of Commanderies of the Order (Ards in Northern Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man) and representatives of St John Associations of Bermuda, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uganda. Friends and family of the new Lord Prior have travelled from Australia to be present at the Installation, and the Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom is represented by the Acting High Commissioner, Mr Matt Anderson.

The Order works in close co-operation with the other mutually-recognised Orders of St John who are also represented today. These are: the Johanniterorden in Germany, with its dependent Commanderies in other European countries and the Orders of St John in The Netherlands and Sweden, (which together with the Order comprise the Alliance of the Orders of St John); and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

The Service is taken by the Right Reverend Timothy Stevens CBE, the Prelate of The Order.

The Service will be attended by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE CStJ, and the Worshipful the Mayor of Islington, Councillor Rakhia Ismai.

The Choir are the Temple Singers, the organist is Roger Sayer and the Fanfare Trumpeters are from the Regimental Band of the Grenadier Guards.

Throughout this Order of Service instructions and explanations are shown in red.

*Congregational participation is indicated by **bold type**.*

There will be a retiring collection to support the work of St John. Please use the gift aid envelopes provided. There will also be an opportunity to deposit envelopes at the Reception after the Service.

Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

Please be aware that the official photographs will be retained for use by St John International.

A loop system is in operation throughout the Priory Church. Hearing aids, which are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.

THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM

The Order of St John first came into being in about 1080, when Benedictine monks established a place of care in Jerusalem for pilgrims to the Holy Land, be they Christian, Muslim, or Jew. The men and women who worked in the hospital were lay persons not priests. They were members of a new religious order, known as the Hospitallers.

In England, when Henry VIII dissolved the Order as a monastic organisation in 1540, apart from a brief restoration under his daughter, Queen Mary, the English langue was never formally abolished but fell into vicissitude in the UK. In the nineteenth century it was revived, aspiring to the Order's original Hospitaller mission, and, in the spirit of Victorian philanthropy, those individuals seeking the Order's revival recognised the need to provide free first aid training, as well as the provision of care and ambulance transport services.

The Order was granted a Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1888. This act established it as a Royal Order of Chivalry: the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. (The title 'Most' was bestowed by the Royal Charter in 1950 in recognition of wartime bravery). It is now represented globally by Priories and Associations. In each nation St John adapts its medical offer to meet the needs of the local population, from providing free mother and baby care in Malawi to statutory ambulance services in Western Australia. Reconnecting with its historic legacy, the Venerable Order established an Eye Hospital in Jerusalem in 1882, following the founding principles of the Hospitallers in treating all those in need, regardless of race, faith or ability to pay.

The status of a Royal Order of Chivalry comes from the Order's original Royal Charter but also reflects its continued royal patronage. Chivalric Orders classically have three marks by which they can be identified: a military origin, nobility of membership, and a Christian inspiration. Military values of discipline and gallantry remain embedded in the modern Order. Nobility is shown by the virtues of honour, probity and care for the sick and the poor and these are at the very heart of today's Order. Christian inspiration is evident: the Order welcomes people of all faiths and none, provided all continue to respect the Christian principles of the Order's founders and the values that flow from them.

A person can only be admitted to the Order with the sanction of HM The Queen or, in certain Commonwealth countries, with the sanction of the Governor-General acting on her behalf. There is no governmental or political involvement in the process of selection for membership. The eligibility criterion is that membership and promotion is for anyone who has done something special for St John or in the spirit of the Order, and their service has stood out from their peers. Such people include active volunteers, specialists, employees, and uniformed Ambulance personnel. Entry is in recognition of achievement towards the Objects of the Order – and in expectation of future involvement and contribution.

Today's proceedings reflect the nature of the Order as an Order of Chivalry of the British Crown and as a Christian Order.

Pro Fide Pro Utilitate Hominum
For the Faith and in the Service of Humanity

THE ACCOLADE OF THE ORDER

Traditionally, knighthoods are confirmed by the bestowal of the Accolade at an investiture, and this continues to be the case within the Realm of the United Kingdom or certain other Realms of which Her Majesty The Queen is Sovereign. Knighthoods of the Order of St John are conferred by instrument signed by Her Majesty The Queen (or in Australia and Canada by the Governor-General acting on Her behalf).

The bestowal of the Accolade of the Order is the outward and visible sign of the approbation and the estimation in which the person upon whom it is bestowed is held and a public recognition of their appointment.

The Accolade of the Realm is bestowed by touches of the sword ('dubbing') on each shoulder of the postulant; the Accolade of the Order is bestowed by three touches of the sword on the left shoulder of the postulant. The origins of the Order's practice are not known, but it has been suggested that it is to reflect the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

The Accolade of the Order is only conferred on those who are admitted or promoted to the Grades of Bailiff Grand Cross or Knight of the Order, and then only where the postulants have not received the Accolade of one of Her Majesty's Realms.

It is implicit in the appointment of a male person to Grade I or Grade II in a Specified Order (Royal Victorian Order and UK Orders of State) that that person either is at the time of appointment or will become a Knight of the Realm. There is no corresponding implication in the case of admission in or promotion to Grade I or Grade II of the Order. Therefore, a male person appointed to Grade I or II in an Order of the Realm may use the title 'Sir' and a female person so appointed may use the title 'Dame'. There is no such entitlement in relation to the Accolade of the Order.

The bestowal of the Accolade of the Order generally mirrors the bestowal of the Accolade of the Realm of the United Kingdom. Thus, the Accolade is not conferred on ladies (save, for constitutional reasons, within the Priory of Canada).

Furthermore, as in the case of the Accolade of the Realm, the Accolade of the Order is not bestowed on clergy who are members of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England. In such cases, instead of bestowing the Accolade, the Investing Officer affirms the postulant's appointment by placing his hand on the postulant's left shoulder.

THE POSTULANTS

As a Dame Grand Cross, and Dames

Mary Angela Fiona, The Hon Lady Barttelot MBE DL as a Dame Grand Cross – *for her outstanding contribution both to the Order as a whole and to the Priory of England and the Islands in particular across a wide field of activities.*

Souella Cumming as a Dame of Grace – *a significant contributor to the Priory Trust Board and Priory Chapter in New Zealand and is the Deputy Chancellor of the Priory in New Zealand.*

Judith Kathleen Wright as a Dame of Grace – *for service to St John in Buckinghamshire, and as a Trustee of the Priory of England and the Islands.*

As Knights who have not received the Accolade of the Realm

James Bingham as a Knight of Justice – *the Priory of Scotland Director of Ceremonies, a Director of St John Scotland, and a member of the St John Scotland Chapter.*

Dr Robert Boyko as a Knight of Justice – *the author of the Critical Incident Stress Awareness program, and the Infection Control Standards used by St John Canada.*

The Very Reverend Dr John Cairns KCVO as a Knight of Grace – *the Dean of the Priory of Scotland, a member of the Priory of Scotland's Chapter and a Director on the Board.*

Wing Commander Gareth Chapman as a Knight of Grace – *appointed a Trustee for the Priory for Wales in June 2017, and appointed Chancellor of that Priory last year.*

Ian James Dudson CBE as a Knight of Grace – *for support to St John as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Staffordshire in England.*

John Ferguson-Smith as a Knight of Grace - *a member of the Priory of Scotland's Chapter, Board member and that Priory's Hospitaller.*

Colin Jones as a Knight of Grace – *the deputy Chair of Cardiff & Vale St John Council, and member of the Priory for Wales Honours & Awards Committee.*

Andrew Martin Latham as a Knight of Grace – *for service to St John in the County of Surrey and as immediate past Director of Ceremonies of the Priory of England and the Islands.*

Joseph Mackie OBE as a Knight of Grace – *the Chair of the Priory of Scotland Aberdeen Area Committee and a member of the St John Scotland Chapter.*

Colonel John Robert Mackenzie MBE TD as a Knight of Grace – *for service to St John in the County of Northumbria in England, and for support to the St John Ambulance Bands.*

Ralph James Marshall JP as a Knight of Grace – *for service as Chairman of the County Priory Group for the Humber, in England.*

Guy Morton as a Knight of Grace – *Trustee of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group.*

Cameron Oxley as a Knight of Justice – *the former Chair of St John Ambulance Victoria, current member of the National Board of St John Ambulance Australia, and in recognition of his recent appointment as Chancellor of the Priory in Australia.*

Richard Roberts as a Knight of Grace – *the former Divisional Officer in Charge at Rhyl, currently the Deputy Commissioner for the North Wales Region of the Priory for Wales.*

Dr Sarath Samarage as a Knight of Grace - *the Chairman of St John Association Sri Lanka who has overseen the introduction of the First Aid Social Enterprise programme in his country.*

Anthony Tyers as a Knight of Grace - *for more than 23 years of clinical work for the Eye Hospital Group, and as an active contributor to regional and international scientific meetings for St John.*

Thomas Craig Wilson as a Knight of Grace – *for services to the Priory of Canada.*

THE OFFICE OF LORD PRIOR

Ultimate authority over the Order of St John is exercised by Her Majesty The Queen, as the Sovereign Head of the Order, and by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, as the Grand Prior of the Order. The Lord Prior is the most senior non-Royal member of the Order. The Office of Lord Prior has six main roles:

- the principal adviser to the Grand Prior acting on his behalf in all aspects of the Order's affairs when he is not available;
- the representative Head of the Order on any occasion on which neither the Sovereign Head nor the Grand Prior are present;
- subject to the Sovereign Head and the Grand Prior, the head of the Order in all its chivalric aspects;
- the leadership of the Order in its charitable activities by promoting policy and presiding at meetings of the Order's worldwide governing bodies;
- as a focus of unity for the members of the Order, its volunteers, staff and supporters; and,
- maintaining the ethos and traditions of the Order.

The Lord Prior does not take part in the day-to-day running of any of the Pories, Commanderies or St John Associations, or of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, but he visits frequently. The Lord Prior is the Chairman of Trustees of the Order ("St John International") as a UK based charitable organisation. Since 1999, the Lord Prior has been appointed for a period of up to three years, with the possibility of re-appointment for a further period of up to three years.

THE LORD PRIOR
PROFESSOR MARK COMPTON AM GCStJ



Professor Mark Compton's main interest is the Order of St John/St John Ambulance Australia, with which he has had over 45 years of continuous voluntary service. Until June this year he was national chairman and Chancellor of the Order of St John in Australia. In addition to his board role he mentors developing leaders through the national leadership and women's mentoring programs; has actively volunteered in the field as a St John member, and contributes to international strategy development for the worldwide organisation through his membership of the international board.

Mark is an experienced non-executive director and CEO, predominantly in healthcare and life sciences organisations including Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) listed companies. He holds undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in areas including pharmacology and business. He is the non-executive Chairman of Sonic Healthcare Limited, a global medical diagnostics and healthcare organisation; Chairman of St Luke's Care, a not for profit health and aged care organisation; and a non-executive director of Next Science Limited, an ASX listed medical technology company. Mark is Adjunct Professor in healthcare management and leadership at Macquarie University, Sydney and an active volunteer firefighter with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

He was awarded the Centenary Medal of the Commonwealth of Australia for services to the community; appointed a Knight in the Order of St John in 2004; was appointed a Member in the Order of Australia (AM) in January 2010 for services to health, hospitals, medical research and St John Ambulance. In 2017 he was promoted to Bailiff Grand Cross of the Order of St John.

Mark is married to Dr Elizabeth Ellis OSTJ and they live on their property in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. They have two sons; Michael a solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills Sydney, and Daniel a medical practitioner in critical care medicine at Box Hill Hospital Melbourne, Australia. Elizabeth, Michael and Daniel are also active volunteers for St John and are all members of the Order. Four generations of Mark's family have been volunteers for St John.

THE ORDER OF CEREMONIAL

Please stand as the first processions are announced

THE PROCESSION OF ORDER CLERGY AND MUTUALLY RECOGNISED ORDERS

The Order Deputy Director of Ceremonies

The Church Cross

The Order Clergy

Johanniterorden i Sverige

Johanniter Orde in Nederland

Balley Brandenburg des Johanniterordens

Sovereign Military Order of Malta

The Secretary-General of the Alliance

THE PROCESSION OF ST JOHN ASSOCIATIONS

A Priory Assistant Director of Ceremonies

St John Association of Bermuda

St John Association of Trinidad and Tobago

St John Association of Uganda

THE PROCESSION OF PRIORIES, COMMANDERIES AND ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL GROUP

A Priory Deputy Director of Ceremonies

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

The Commandery of the Isle of Man

The Commandery of the Bailiwick of Guernsey

The Commandery of the Bailiwick of Jersey

The Commandery of Ards in Northern Ireland

The Priory of Singapore

The Priory of Kenya

The Priory in the United States of America

The Priory in Australia

The Priory of Canada

The Priory in New Zealand

The Priory for South Africa

The Priory for Wales

The Priory of Scotland

The Priory of England and the Islands

The Order Deputy
Director of Ceremonies

Please be seated

THE GRAND PRIOR'S PROCESSION

Please stand as the Fanfare is sounded

The Order Director of Ceremonies
A Priory Assistant Director of Ceremonies
The Great Banner of the Order
The Honorary Officers of the Order
The Secretary-General
A Knight-in-Waiting
The Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross
The Sub Prior
The Sub Prior's Banner
The Chancellor
The Chancellor's Banner
The Cross of the Order
The Prelate
The Immediate Past Lord Prior
The Immediate Past Lord Prior's Banner
The Sword of the Order
His Royal Highness The Grand Prior
The Grand Prior's Banner

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

All

**For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

Words: William W How (1823-97), Tune: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1972-1958)

THE BIDDING

The Prelate

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

All

And also with you.

The Dean of the
Priory of England
and the Islands

We meet in the presence of almighty God to worship him in spirit and in truth; to give thanks for the Order of St John; to bear witness to the installation of The Lord Prior and to commit ourselves to support him in his leadership of the Order worldwide. We ask for God's blessings on the Priories, Commanderies and Associations of the Order, the Eye Hospital Group, the mutually recognised Orders, and on all members, volunteers and staff in their continuing work for the Faith and in the Service of Humankind, and especially on the Postulant Knights and Dames assembled here for investiture and reception.

All please be seated or kneel

Led by the Prelate Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

For The Queen and all the Royal family:

That God would bless and preserve our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, Sovereign Head of our Order, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, Richard our Grand Prior, and all the Royal family that under them we may be godly and quietly governed.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For Peace:

That God would give wisdom to all those in positions of power that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of all the people and direct the paths of all people into the way of justice and peace. By your spirit break down the barriers that divide us, and bring us closer to the coming of your Kingdom.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For the Sick and Wounded:

That God would grant healing to all who are sick or wounded and to all displaced peoples throughout the world, and especially today we pray for the St John Eye Hospital Group and for all who minister in the Holy Land. Loving God be near to our Lords the sick and the poor, and to all who awake today to pain or distress.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For the Orders of St John:

We pray for all who share the work and vision of this Order, as members, volunteers and staff around the world. We give thanks for the example of your servant Malcolm, our former Lord Prior, and we pray especially today for Mark as he takes up the privilege and responsibility of leadership amongst us. We pray that God would bless and preserve all our Confrères of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Johanniterorden, and the Orders of St John in The Netherlands and Sweden.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For ourselves:

We pray for ourselves that all who wear the white cross of St John may follow your way with compassion and courage. We pray especially for the young people of St John that they may grow in confidence and skill and show us all in St John how to move trustingly into the future.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's future Kingdom as we say together:

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 that 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.

Please be seated

Mary Oshinyemi
(Priory of England and
the Islands National
Cadet of the Year)

The Lesson. Ephesians 3 vv 14 – 21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prelate will give the Homily.

All please stand

All

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88), Tune: Blaenwern, William Rowlands (1860-1937)

All please be seated

APPRECIATION OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST LORD PRIOR

The Order Director of Ceremonies May I invite the Immediate Past Lord Prior, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Malcom Ross, to stand in order for the Grand Prior to address him.

The Immediate Past Lord Prior stands

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior Confrère, it is right and proper on this occasion that we should mark and pay tribute to the successful completion of your term as our Lieutenant and Deputy for the administration of this Most Venerable Order. We thank you most sincerely for all the beneficial work that you have done over the past three years as Lord Prior. Moreover, we feel confident that although you have retired from your high office, we can always rely on you for wisdom and advice, as one of the senior Bailiffs Grand Cross of the Order. The members of the Order join me in extending to you warm greetings for the future.

The Immediate Past Lord Prior approaches His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, and hands to him the Lord Prior's Badge that is placed upon a cushion.

The Grand Prior shakes the Immediate Past Lord Prior by the hand.

The Immediate Past Lord Prior bows and then takes his place with the Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior returns to his Throne.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE LORD PRIOR OF ST JOHN

The Order Director of Ceremonies addresses His Royal Highness The Grand Prior.

The Order Director of Ceremonies My Lord Grand Prior, Her Majesty The Sovereign Head of our Most Venerable Order has been graciously pleased to appoint Professor Mark Raymond Compton, a Member of the Order of Australia and a Bailiff Grand Cross of our Most Venerable Order to the Great Office of Lord Prior of St John. Is it your wish to receive and install him?

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior It is.

The Chancellor proceeds to the West Door, accompanied by the Order Director of Ceremonies, and leads the new Lord Prior to a position in front of the Throne. The Chancellor turns to face the assembled members of the Order and their guests and reads out the Warrant of Appointment:

The Chancellor

“His Royal Highness Prince Richard Alexander Walter George, Second Duke of Gloucester, a Knight Companion of The Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Knight Grand Cross of The Royal Victorian Order, and a Bailiff Grand Cross of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, and Grand Prior of the said Most Venerable Order, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know ye that we, as Grand Prior of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, with the authority and sanction of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second, the Sovereign Head of the said Order, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in Professor Mark Raymond Compton, a Member of the Order of Australia, and a Bailiff Grand Cross of the said Most Venerable Order, do by these Presents make constitute and appoint the said Professor Mark Raymond Compton to be the Lord Prior of St John of the said Most Venerable Order.

And we do also, by these Presents give and grant unto the said Professor Mark Raymond Compton the Office and place of Lord Prior of the said Most Venerable Order with the title, powers, privileges, pre-eminences and prerogatives, and with such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes or Regulations of the said Order, and requiring that in performing the said duties the said Professor Mark Raymond Compton shall be obedient unto such commands orders or directions as the Sovereign Head, or we, by Her authority, may from time to time specify, to have hold exercise and enjoy the said Office of Lord Prior of the said Most Venerable Order from the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist on the Twenty-fourth day of June Two Thousand and Nineteen during Our Pleasure and subject thereto until the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-two.

Given at Clerkenwell under our hand and the Seal of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem this First day of June Two Thousand and Nineteen and in the Sixty-eighth year of Her Majesty’s reign.”

My Lord Grand Prior, we present to Your Royal Highness our Confrère, Professor Mark Raymond Compton, a Member of the Order of Australia and a Bailiff Grand Cross of our Most Venerable Order, whom you have selected as the Lieutenant and Deputy of Your Royal Highness in the administration and governance of the Order, to receive the honour of Installation.

His Royal Highness
The Grand Prior

Confrère, it is with great pleasure that we receive you for installation as Lord Prior of St John.

The Grand Prior then rises and all please stand.

The Chancellor returns to his place. The Grand Prior descends from the Throne, takes the Lord Prior by the left hand and leads him to the empty seat.

His Royal Highness We now confirm you as our Lieutenant and Deputy in the
The Grand Prior administration and governance of our Most Venerable Order under
our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.

The Lord Prior sits.

The Grand Prior places his right hand on each of the Lord Prior's shoulders, saying:

His Royal Highness We now install you with the style and title of Lord Prior of St John.
The Grand Prior

He then takes the Badge from the cushion and places it around the neck of the Lord Prior, steps back and bows to the Lord Prior.

The Lord Prior rises and bows to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, who acknowledges the salutation.

The Grand Prior then returns to the Throne.

The Order Director Please be seated
of Ceremonies

THE HOMAGE

The faldstool is placed before the Throne and the Sword Bearer moves to the right of the Grand Prior. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior rises. The Order Director of Ceremonies then conducts the new Lord Prior before the Grand Prior.

The Order Director My Lord Grand Prior, the new Lord Prior of St John will now offer his
of Ceremonies homage.

The Lord Prior kneels and places his hand on the Sword of the Order, held by the Sword Bearer.

The Lord Prior I, Mark Raymond Compton, a Member of Order of Australia and a
Bailiff Grand Cross of our Most Venerable Order, do pay homage to
you My Lord Grand Prior for this my Lieutenancy and Deputyship for
the good governance of our Order which I hold of you, and of Our
Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, the Sovereign Head of this Most
Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

His Royal Highness We accept that homage and direct that proclamation be made
The Grand Prior accordingly.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior will bow to the newly appointed Lord Prior then resumes the Throne. The Lord Prior rises in his place and bows to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior.

THE PROCLAMATION

The Order Director of Ceremonies, taking the Lord Prior's right hand faces the assembly and makes the proclamation.

The Order Director of Ceremonies Confrères, be it known that His Royal Highness The Grand Prior hath this day inducted and installed as Lord Prior of the Order, our Confrère, Professor Mark Raymond Compton, a Member of Order of Australia and a Bailiff Grand Cross of our Most Venerable Order. Wherefore I call upon you to rise and salute the new Lord Prior of our Most Venerable Order.

The Order Director of Ceremonies will present the Lord Prior to bow to the East, South, West, and North Assembly in turn. All except the Grand Prior return the bow to the Lord Prior.

All Banners are lowered to the 'Present' and returned to 'Order' on completion.

Please remain standing

THE COVENANT

The Prelate Will you who have witnessed these vows do all in your power to support the newly installed Lord Prior in his commitment to the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, for the faith and in the service of humanity?

All **We will.**

All please sit or kneel.

Rhiannon Svenson
(Priory for Wales
National Cadet of the
Year) Let us pray:

Loving God,
You have taught us that the power of the heart
Is greater than the power of wealth and might.
We pray for your servant Mark whom you have called to the office
and work of Lord Prior of this Order,
Grant him wisdom, skill and vision to see your will
And the courage, energy and desire to fulfil it,
That the poor may be served, the faith proclaimed,
And the peace of the world increased
To your glory and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Please be seated

The Order Director of Ceremonies My Lord Grand Prior that concludes the Installation of the Lord Prior who will now address all here assembled.

THE LORD PRIOR'S ADDRESS

The Lord Prior is verged to the Lectern by the Order Director of Ceremonies and will address the assembly.

At the conclusion of his address the Lord Prior resumes his throne.

Choir The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor:
he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth things that are sown in it
to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.

From Elgar's Apostles, Words: Isaiah 61.1-3.11 Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

THE INVESTITURE

The Order Director of Ceremonies My Lord Grand Prior is it your wish to invest the Dame Grand Cross, Dames and Knights?

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior It is.

The Order Director of Ceremonies Postulants please rise.

The Lord Prior rises from his place, bows to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, and says:

The Lord Prior Confrères, The Grand Prior is about to invest you with the Insignia of your Grade in this Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. Before he does so, it is incumbent on me to address two questions to you.

First, do you severally promise to pay due obedience to the governing authorities of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem as laid down in our Royal Charter, in all things consistent with your duty to our Sovereign Head and your country?

The Postulants **I do.**

The Lord Prior Secondly, will you do all in your power to contribute to the dignity, prosperity and utility of the Order, combating everything that is prejudicial to its well-being and devoting yourselves – so far as you are able – to the objects and purposes of the Order, most especially the Christian care of the sick and injured; and will you conduct yourself as true Dames and Knights, and as people of honour?

The Postulants **I will, God being my helper.**

The Lord Prior My Lord Grand Prior, I present these Postulants for the honour of being invested and received by Your Royal Highness in accordance with the Statutes of our Most Venerable Order.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior rises from the Throne and moves to the centre facing west, attended by the Lord Prior, the Chancellor, and the Sword Bearer, all standing, while he addresses the Postulants:

His Royal Highness By virtue of the powers vested in me, I am about to invest and
The Grand Prior receive you with the Insignia of your Grade, on behalf of Her Majesty our Sovereign Head.

His Royal Highness Remember that the Cross you will receive is to Christians the sign of
The Grand Prior Man's Redemption; that its arms symbolise the four cardinal virtues, Prudence, Temperance, Justice, and Fortitude and that its points symbolise the Eight Beatitudes, which spring from the practice of those virtues, namely: Humility; Sorrow for Sin; Meekness; Thirst for Righteousness; Mercy; Purity; Peace; and Suffering under Persecution; while its whiteness may ever remind you of the purity of life required of Christ's soldiers and servants. Remember also that the Mantle with which you are about to be invested is the outward sign of your duty to act in the defence of the Christian Faith, and in the service of the poor, the sick and the suffering.

The Order Director The Postulants will please be seated.
of Ceremonies

THE INVESTITURE OF A DAME GRAND CROSS

The Postulant Dame Grand Cross now stands.

The Chancellor My Lord Grand Prior, for investiture as Dame Grand Cross, Mary Angela Fiona, The Honourable Lady Barttelot, a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of West Sussex.

The Postulant is accompanied by two Esquires, one carrying the Insignia which is placed on the cushion held by the Lord Prior, and the other carrying her Banner.

The Postulant Dame Grand Cross curtsies before His Royal Highness The Grand Prior. The Order Director of Ceremonies then removes her Mantle. The Grand Prior invests the Postulant with the Insignia of her Grade. The Order Director of Ceremonies replaces her Mantle. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior formally receives the Postulant by shaking her right hand with the words:

His Royal Highness Sister, I receive you as a Dame Grand Cross of this Most Venerable
The Grand Prior Order.

The Dame Grand Cross stands back and to one side, while the Director of Ceremonies addresses the Grand Prior:

The Order Director My Lord Grand Prior, I present the Banner of the newly invested
of Ceremonies Dame Grand Cross, which according to custom, will hereafter be
 hung displayed during her lifetime in this Priory Church of St John.

The Order Director Advance Banner.
of Ceremonies Present Banner.

 Carry Banner.

On completion the Dame Grand Cross curtsies, and her Esquires bow to His Royal Highness, and she and her Esquires move to their appointed places.

THE INVESTITURE OF DAMES AND KNIGHTS

The Chancellor will then announce each Postulant Dame by name, who will be escorted by the Order Director of Ceremonies for presentation to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior. The Postulant is accompanied by two Esquires, one carrying the Insignia which is placed on a cushion held by the Lord Prior, and the other carrying a Mantle which is handed to the Order Director of Ceremonies.

Upon arrival before His Royal Highness The Grand Prior they will curtsy. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior will then invest them with their Insignia, and the Order Director of Ceremonies will invest them with their Mantle.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior receives the newly appointed Dames with a handshake and the words:

His Royal Highness Sister, I receive you as a Dame of this Most Venerable Order.
The Grand Prior

The Dame curtsies to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, turns and leading her two Esquires, returns to their appointed places.

The faldstool is positioned in front of the His Royal Highness The Grand Prior.

The Chancellor announces the name of each Knight who is escorted by the Order Director of Ceremonies for presentation to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior. The Postulant is accompanied by two Esquires, one carrying the Insignia which is placed on the cushion held by the Lord Prior, and the other carrying the Mantle, which is handed to the Order Director of Ceremonies.

The Postulant Knight kneels before His Royal Highness The Grand Prior on the faldstool on his right knee.

When the Postulant is kneeling the Sword Bearer hands the Sword to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior who confers the Accolade of the Order on the left shoulder and returns the Sword to the Sword Bearer.

Receiving the Insignia from the Lord Prior, His Royal Highness The Grand Prior hangs it round each Postulant's neck. The Order Director of Ceremonies then invests the Postulant with his Mantle.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior then formally receives the kneeling Postulant by taking him by the right hand and raising him with the words:

His Royal Highness Rise, Confrère, I receive you as a Knight of this Most Venerable
The Grand Prior Order.

The Knight bows to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, turns and leading his two Esquires, returns to their appointed places.

Hereafter the procedure is as before until all the Postulants have been invested and they and their Esquires have returned to their appointed places.

The Chancellor returns to his place.

The Order Director of Ceremonies Would the newly invested and received Dame Grand Cross, Dames and Knights please stand.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior We have received you and now welcome you as a Dame Grand Cross, Dames and Knights. May you ever be worthy and faithful members of our Most Venerable Order. Be loyal to your Sovereign, true to your honour, and faithful to the Order. We wish you all prosperity and heavenly blessings. May God protect you.

The Order Director of Ceremonies *Addressing the Dames and Knights:*

Please be seated.

Addressing His Royal Highness The Grand Prior

My Lord Grand Prior that concludes the Investiture.

All please stand

All **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 blessèd 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 Holy Ghost,
Supreme in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.**

Words: M. Rinkart (1586-1649) tr. C. Winkworth (1827-78), Tune: Nun Danket, J
Crüger (1598-1662)

THE CLOSING PRAYERS

Sub Prelate of the
Priory in Australia

Let us dedicate ourselves to God's service, remembering our
Christian calling as members of this Most Venerable Order of the
Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

All

**God of compassion and mercy,
Grant that we who wear the white cross of St John
As a mark of our commitment to the service of humanity,
May practice the Christian virtues
With grace and determination.
May our lives reflect the courage and sympathy
That have always marked people of compassion,
And may we honour the great traditions of service
Established by those who have gone before us;
Let our hands be the hands of caring,
Our hearts be the hearts of kindness
And our service be to the glory of God.
Amen.**

THE ORDER PRAYER

All

**Preserve us, O Lord, in the number of the faithful.
Grant us means and opportunity to do good,
Resolution to persevere, and grace to attain to eternal life,
So that, as we have been united in Christ's service on earth,
We may also be united in his presence in heaven;
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Prelate

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honour all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

All banners are lowered in salute.

**God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save The Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save The Queen.**

Words: Anonymous

Music: Thesaurus Musicus (c. 1734) arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Please remain standing until the withdrawal is completed

THE WITHDRAWAL

After the Service, the Grand Prior will host a Reception for all
in the Chapter Hall of St John's Gate

THE PROCESSIONAL SYMBOLS

The Great Banner of the Order is carried in procession in public, but not inside St John's Gate. It displays the ancient arms of the Order and bears an augmentation of honour, being embellished with a representation of the Royal Crest in the first quarter, an especial mark of Royal favour granted by His Majesty King George V. The new Great Banner used today was dedicated at St Paul's Cathedral on St John's Day, 23 June 1984. The old Great Banner, laid up at the same service, is preserved in St John's Gate.

The Cross of the Order is the symbol of the spiritual jurisdiction of the Prelate and, when he is present, it is carried immediately in front of him in procession. Although the Cross used today is an exact replica, made in 1982, the ancient cross, which may be seen in the Order's Museum in St John's Gate, is a fine example of parcel-gilt repoussé work and was first used by the Order in France in the 16th century. It came to the Most Venerable Order in 1904 through the bequest of Lady Lechmere.

The Sword of the Order, which was made by Wilkinson in 1944, is the emblem of the temporal jurisdiction of Her Majesty The Queen, The Sovereign Head. In Her Majesty's absence, it is borne immediately in front of His Royal Highness The Grand Prior or his representative. It is also used when conferring the Accolade of the Order at Receptions and Investitures of Knights, and on such occasions is borne unsheathed. On Royal occasions, and for the Annual Service of Commemoration and Re-dedication in St Paul's Cathedral on St John's Day, the Sword is sheathed in the Royal or State scabbard, first used by Her Majesty in 1971; for other events the black duty scabbard is used.

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST JOHN

The Church in which today's service has taken place stands on the site of the original round church built by the Knights of St John and consecrated in 1185. Only the Crypt of this church survives, however the line of the old circular nave can be seen in the pavement outside.

Rebuilt several times, the Church fell into disuse following the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII in 1540. The Church was then used as a private chapel and later as a parish church until 1931 when the Church of England transferred ownership back to the Order of St John. The building was repaired again following bomb damage caused during the Second World War.

The Church stood at the centre of the Order's Priory in Clerkenwell, of which only the Church and the South Gate, now called St John's Gate, remain.

Today, the Priory Church is used for the services and investitures of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. On the walls hang the banners of The Sovereign Head, The Grand Prior, the Priories and Commanderies, and the Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross.



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