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THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE WELCOMES THE BISHOP OF LONDON TO PREACH AT EVENSONG SERVICE ON MAY 1



Lord Bishop of London to be seated on International Ecumenical Cathedra

The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, is pleased to welcome The Right Reverend and Right Honorable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Lord Bishop of London, to preach at an Evensong Service **on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.**

Bishop Mullally was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral on 12th May 2018. She is the first woman to hold the title of Bishop of London. Bishop Sarah sits in the House of Lords as one of the Lords Spirituals, serving as a member of the Privy Council and as Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal. Prior to her ordination, Bishop Mullally held a number of nursing leadership roles, and in 2005 she was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire for her contribution to nursing and midwifery.

At the Cathedral Evensong service, Bishop Dietsche will formally seat Bishop Mullally on the International Ecumenical Cathedra. The word *cathedra* is Greek, and refers to the seat of the Bishop of the Diocese. It signifies his or her teaching authority, and it is the presence of the bishop's seat which makes a church a cathedral. The Cathedral's International Ecumenical Cathedra is a place of honor for international leaders. Previous honorees have included The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, and visiting religious

dignitaries from around the world.

The renowned Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Bryan Zaros, Associate Choirmaster, and accompanied by Daniel Ficarri, Associate Organist, will sing the Preces and Responses, Anthems, and Canticles in the tradition of the great cathedrals of the Anglican Communion. All are encouraged to come to this special Eastertide service and welcome the Bishop of London to the Diocese of New York.

About The Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online and in person; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources and aid to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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