



# The City Service Eucharist

# attended by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, members of the City Council and representatives of the life of the City

Pentecost

Sunday 19 May 2024

1100

#### Thank you for joining us in worship. You are in our prayers – and please pray for all those to whom we minister as a Cathedral.

At this service: the President is the Canon Chancellor and Vice Dean and the preacher is the Dean.

The music setting, sung by the Cathedral Choir (Boy Choristers), is the Westminster Mass by the English composer Roxanna Panufnik (b.1968) commissioned for the 75th birthday of Cardinal Basil Hume in 1998 to be a setting that 'would enhance the English Liturgy for the new millennium'. It is scored for choir, harp, tubular bells and organ, and is characterised by rhythmic writing, clever interplay between voices and some juicy dis-chords!

You might like to say this prayer before the service begins as a prayer of preparation:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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At 10.55am the Civic Procession arrives at the Cathedral's West doors.

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Mr Mark Thistlethwayte DL, representing His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, is escorted to his seat by the Dean.

# The Gathering

Please stand, if you are able to, when the bell is rung. The Choir, Cathedral Foundation, and Ministers enter during the hymn.



Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as Advocate to plead; loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need. Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live; holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

> Words: Brian Foley (1919-2000) Tune: ALL FOR JESUS

All remain standing.

GREETING

	In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All	Amen.
All	The Lord be with you and also with you.
A 11	Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Canon Chancellor and Vice Dean gives a welcome and introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon	The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.
All	You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord, have mercy. <b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
All	You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart. Christ, have mercy. <b>Christ, have mercy.</b>

You make one by the Spirit the torn and divided. Lord, have mercy.

#### All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Gloria is sung by the Choir. Please remain standing if you are able to.

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

All

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the Collect.

#### THE COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please sit for the readings.

All

# The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles – read by Councillor Steve Pitt, Leader of Portsmouth City Council.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

(2.1-21)

# AllThis is the word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

The Choir sings: 'In my Father's house'.

In my Father's house are many dwellings, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Do not let you hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you I am going to prepare a place for you? Where I am going, you know the way. I am the Way the Truth and the Life; no-one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you also know my Father. My Spirit will be with you always. The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth will remind you of all I have said.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. I have told you I will come back to you; have faith in me. I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be.

Words: from John 14 Music: Philip Stopford (b.1977)

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

- read by Councillor Jason Fazackarley The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

(8.22-27)

This is the word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

If you are able to, please stand for the Gospel reading and turn to face the Gospel as it is carried into our midst.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

Choir	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.	
All	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.	
	Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people	
	and kindle in us the fire of your love.	
All	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.	

#### Gospel Reading

Deacon The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.' (15.26-27,16.4b-15)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

As the Gospel is carried back, the organist improvises on the Gospel theme. Please sit after the preacher's introduction.

#### Sermon

After the sermon silence is kept. Then together we affirm our faith in God. Please stand if you are able to, and join in singing.



We believe in God Almighty, maker of the earth and sky; all we see and all that's hidden is his work unceasingly: God our Father's loving kindness, with us till the day we die – evermore and evermore.

We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God and Son of Man; born of Mary, preaching, healing, crucified, yet risen again: he ascended to the Father, there in glory long to reign – evermore and evermore.

We believe in God the Spirit; present in our lives today; speaking through the prophets' writings, guiding travellers on their way: to our hearts he brings forgiveness, and the hope of endless joy – evermore and evermore.

> Words: David Mowbray (b.1938) Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Please sit or kneel for the intercessions.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** 

Eternal God, on this day of Pentecost we give thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in prayer to you.

The prayers are offered in some of the languages that are spoken by members of the Cathedral community and congregation.

He, a university administrator (in Chinese)

For our City of Portsmouth	为了我们朴茨茅斯这座城市
and all its citizens,	和在这里生活的所有公民,
for the Lord Mayor and a blessing	为市长和他对这座城市的付出与奉献蒙福,
on his year of office,	为所有在为城市服务
for all who serve the city	<b>并</b> 维持城市社区生活的人蒙福。
and maintain its community life.	

Lord, in your mercy,Allhear our prayer.

Alexandre, a charity chief executive (in French)

We pray for the nations of the world and for peace; for this country, for the Royal family, especially for King Charles and the Prince and Princess of Wales at this time; for the high court of Parliament, for all who hold public office, that we may be given grace to build a society in which there is value and dignity for everyone.

Lord, in your mercy,Allhear our prayer.

Nous prions pour les nations du monde et pour la paix, pour ce pays, pour la famille royale en particulier pour notre Roi Charles, le Prince et la Princesse de Galles; pour la cour suprème du Parlement, pour tous ceux et celles qui occupent un poste dans la fonction publique, pour qu'il nous soit donné la grâce de construire une société qui offre à tous valeur et dignité.

#### Mirang (in Korean)

We pray for those whose work is on the sea, for those who serve them and ensure safety on the seas; that they may put their trust in God and that he may be a strong anchor for their hopes.

# Lord, in your mercy,Allhear our prayer.

Orsolya, a choir parent (in Hungarian)

For peace-makers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, particularly for those deployed from this city, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return. 바다위에서 일하는 이들을 위해 기도합니다. 그들의 행하는 모든 일가운데 안전을 보장해주시고 하나님을 믿고 신뢰하는 마음을 갖게하시며 그들에게 희망을 위한 견고한 닻이 되어주시기를 기도합니다.

Imàdkozunk a bèkèltetôkèrt ès a bèke fenntartókert; akik arra törekednek hogy megtartsàk a vilàgunk biztonsàgàt ès bèkèlyèt; ès a fegyveres erôk minden tagjàèrt akik veszelyben vannak a mai napig is, különösen azokèrt akiket ebbôl a vàrosbòl küldtek hadba; emlekezzünk meg a csaladjaikról ès barataikról ès mindenkirôl akik mind azèrt imàdkoznak hogy ôk biztonsàgban hazatèrjenek.

# Lord, in your mercy,Allhear our prayer.

Santosh, a radiology registrar (in Malayalam)

We pray for all who maintain and administer the law; we pray for those who work in health care and rehabilitation; for those who provide essential services and all who give care and support to those in need; for those who seek to reconcile and re-unite - that we may build a community in which all are cared for and supported.

നിയമം പരിപാലിക്കുകയും നിയന്ത്രിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന എല്ലാവർക്കും വേണ്ടി ഞങ്ങൾ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു; ആരോഗ്യ സംരക്ഷണത്തിലും പുനരധിവാസത്തിലും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നവർക്കായി ഞങ്ങൾ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു; അവശ്യ സേവനങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്നവർക്ക് ആവശ്യമുള്ളവർക്ക് പരിചരണവും പിന്തുണയും നൽകുന്ന എല്ലാവർക്കും; അനുരഞ്ജിപ്പിക്കാനും വീണ്ടും ഒന്നിപ്പിക്കാനും ശ്രമിക്കുന്നവർക്കും-എല്ലാവരേയും പരിപാലിക്കുകയും പിന്തുണയ്ക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരു സമൂഹത്തെ കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുന്നതിന് വേണ്ടിയും നമുക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം

# Lord, in your mercy,Allhear our prayer.

Nora, organ scholar here (in German)

We pray for the University of Portsmouth, and the colleges and schools of this city; for all who learn, teach, study, research, administer or counsel; for academic freedom and the flourishing of human endeavour, that we may be given grace to share truth, beauty, goodness and wisdom. Wir beten für die Universität von Portsmouth, nd die Hochschulen und Schulen der Stadt; für alle die lernen, lehren, studieren, forschen, administrieren, oder beraten; für akademische Freiheit und das blühen des menschliches Bestreben, daß uns Gnaden gegeben wird um Wahrheit, Schönheit, Gutheit und Weisheit zu teilen.

# Lord, in your mercy,Allhear our prayer.

Malina, head verger of the Cathedral (in Polish)

For the Church of God, throughout the world and in this community, for Jonathan our Bishop and Philip his brother bishop, and all Christian leaders, for our ecumenical work and our friends of other faiths, that we may be given grace to grow in the love of God, the Father of us all. Módlmy się za Kościół Boży na całym świecie, a w tej wspólnocie, za Biskupa Jana, Biskupa Filipa, oraz wszytkich przywódców chrześcijańskich. Módlmy się za naszą działalność ekumeniczną i za naszych przyjaciół, wyznających różne wiary, abyśmy otrzymali łaskę wzrastania w miłości Bożej.

Lord, in your mercy.Allhear our prayer.

Merciful Father, All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand, if you are able to, for the Peace.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

All

The fruit of the Spirit is love and joy and peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.** 

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to share a gesture or sign of peace with their neighbours.

Please remain standing, if you are able to, and join in singing the hymn, during which the altar table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.

A collection is taken. Donations may also be made after the service using the contactless devices by the exit, or the QR code inside the front cover.



Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

> Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Life-giving Spirit of God, Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth, help us all by this sacrament to commit ourselves to work with you and renew your world, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

All Am



#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you All and also with you. Lift up your hearts. All We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All It is right to give thanks and praise. It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. And now we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread and gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Deacon Praise to you Lord lesus: Choir Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Mary, Thomas of Canterbury and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. Choir Amen.

Please sit or kneel. A time of silence is kept before the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words Jesus gave us - each in the language we choose: Our Father... Notre Père... Vater unser... Πάτερ ημών... Ojcze nasz... Отче наш

... 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.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

#### All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei and the chalice assistants come forward.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**GIVING OF COMMUNION** 

#### Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are encouraged to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing. Please follow the directions of the sidesperson. If you would prefer a blessing, please carry this service booklet as a signal to the minister.

No one is obliged to receive the wine if they prefer not to - but intinction (dipping the wafer into the cup) will not be permitted, to ensure the best safety of all.

During the distribution of Communion, the Organ plays:

'Stay' (from the film 'Interstellar') – Hans Zimmer

For those who have seen 'Interstellar,' Cooper is taken by some to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of Christian theology. The notion of love that is interwoven into the subplots of the movie also lends some credence to these views. It is also no coincidence that the name of the mission is "Lazarus", with an explicit reference to the biblical character in the film.

At the end of Communion please remain kneeling or seated. The President prays.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### All Amen.

Notices may be given. Then please stand, if you are able to, for the final hymn.



Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

> Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889) Tune: CARLISLE

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the final blessing.

## The Dismissal

The Lord be with you

#### All and also with you.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to 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.** Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

All

Deacon

'No time for caution' (from 'Interstellar') – Hans Zimmer (b.1957)

Please remain standing as the processions leave.

Verger

The Deacon The Canon Chancellor The Cathedral Choir and Foundation

Verger

The Dean The Lord Mayor The Deputy Lieutenant

A Senior Police Officer The City Mace The Deputy Lord Mayor The Deputy Chief Executive Honorary Persons with the Freedom of the City MP for Portsmouth South MP for Portsmouth North Honorary Aldermen Military Representatives The Leader of the Council and Councillors of the City of Portsmouth

The remainder of the City Procession

Everyone is invited to the reception in the Nave which follows this service.

There is also a cake sale organised by choristers from the Cathedral Choir and their parents in aid of the Portsmouth Cathedral Choir Association. Your support would be much appreciated. **Portsmouth** was granted its first town charter by Richard I in 1194. It is likely that the town adopted for its coat of arms King Richard's own symbol - an eight-pointed star and crescent moon – as a tribute to the King.



A Mayor has been elected annually since 1531. For many years, the Town Hall stood in the middle of the High Street outside St Thomas' Church (as this Cathedral was known originally), so Civic services for the Mayor and Town Corporation would have taken place regularly in this Church.

On 26 April 1926, the Crown conferred on Portsmouth Town the dignity and status of a City,

and the Diocese of Portsmouth was officially created on 1 May 1927. St Thomas' Church was dedicated as the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese in October, and in July 1928 the city was awarded the dignity of a Lord Mayoralty.

The motto of the old Indian troopships which once called regularly at Portsmouth, 'Heaven's Light our Guide', was incorporated into the City coat of arms in 1929, linking Church and State: new Diocese and new City.

In 1970, the City was granted the full 'Achievement' of its Coat of Arms, with Supporters, Crescent and Badge. The rare privilege was given of a maritime version of the royal Supporters, a Sea Lion and a Sea Unicorn, reflecting Portsmouth's long association with the Crown.



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