

**The Re-dedication and Blessing of the Bells
at St Michael and All Angels
Abingdon-on-Thames
by The Rt Rev'd Dr Rowan Williams
Friday 29 September 2017**

¶ *The choir sings the Introit: 'Spirit of the living God' by Daniel Iverson (1890-1972). Please then turn to face the labyrinth.*

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

Responses (Based on Psalm 98)

Vicar Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth;
All **burst into jubilant song with music.**

Vicar Make music to the Lord with the harp;
All **with harp and the sound of bells.**

Vicar Let the rivers clap their hands;
All **let us make a joyful noise to the Lord
Glory to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Blessing of the bells

Bishop Let us pray to our Father in heaven in thanksgiving for these bells which have been restored for our use and to his glory.

¶ *Pause for silent prayer.*

Bishop Blessed are you Lord God King of the universe; you have made all things for your glory.

All **Father we praise you through Christ our Lord.**

Bishop Almighty God,
We ask you to accept all we offer in your name.
+ Bless, sanctify and hallow these bells,
And grant that they may call people here
To praise and to worship your holy name,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

¶ *The bells are rung for a short period, after which the following is sung by the Team Vicar.*

Vicar Let us proceed in peace.

All **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

¶ *The Introit HYMN follows.*

¶ *The organ voluntary at the end of Mass is 'Carillion de Westminster' by Louis Vierne.*