

St John's College Chapel



Souvent me Souvient

Commemoration of Benefactors

Sunday 1 May 2016

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN

¶*Stand*

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness;
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
Thy victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words *Edward Plumptre*
(1821–1891)

Tune THORBURY
Basil Harwood
(1859–1949)

SENTENCE

Minister The memory of the righteous shall remain evermore:
And shall not be afraid of any evil report.

RESPONSES

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister O God make speed to save us.

Response O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Response As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Minister Praise ye the Lord.

Response The Lord's Name be praised.

Music *Kenneth Leighton*
(1929–1988)

The Choir sings the appointed Psalms

Psalm 149 Cantate Domino

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song : let the congregation of saints praise him.
2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him : and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
3. Let them praise his Name in the dance : let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people : and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5. Let the saints be joyful with glory : let them rejoice in their beds.
6. Let the praises of God be in their mouth : and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7. To be avenged of the heathen : and to rebuke the people;
8. To bind their kings in chains : and their nobles with links of iron.
9. That they may be avenged of them, as it is written : Such honour have all his saints.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Chant *Charles Villiers Stanford*
(1852–1924)

Psalm 150 Laudate Dominum

1. O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6. Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Chant *George Talbot*
(1875–1918)

read by a Scholar

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies: Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instructions: Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations: All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they have never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

Ecclesiasticus 44 vv. 1–15

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The Dean In token of our gratitude to Almighty God, and in remembrance of the long succession of munificent benefactors to whom our College is indebted, we here publicly recite the names of those who are chief among them:

(See list on insert)

The Dean These are our Founders and principal benefactors. It remains that we bless and praise Almighty God for them all.

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RICHARD NELSON PERHAM, Master

Hic est discipulus ille

This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things. And we know that his testimony is true.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

Words *Traditional prayer c. 4th Century*

Music *Collegium Regale Service*
Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

ANTIPHON

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THE PRECES

Minister The Lord be with you.

Response And with thy spirit.

¶ *Kneel*

Minister Let us pray.

Response Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Response And grant us thy salvation.

Minister O Lord, save the Queen.

Response And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Response And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister O Lord, save thy people.

Response And bless thine inheritance.

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Response Because there is none other that fightest for us,
but only thou, O God.

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Response And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Music *Kenneth Leighton*
(1929–1988)

THE COLLECTS

The Collect for the Day

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which, according to His abundant mercy,
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled,
that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you,
who are kept by the power of God,
through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.
But as he which hath calleth you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently,
see that ye love one another.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
Being born again,
not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible,
by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass,
and all the glory of man
as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth,
and the flower thereof falleth away:
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever more.
Amen.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, we glorify thee in these thy servants our benefactors departed out of this life, beseeching thee that as they for their time bestowed charitably for our comfort the temporal things which thou didst give them, so we for our time may fruitfully use the same to the setting forth of thy Holy Word, thy laud and praise; and finally that both they and we may reign with thee in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE COMMEMORATION SERMON

¶*Sit*

Professor Mike Higton
Durham University (Naden Student 1997–1999)
Inherited Wisdom

HYMN

¶*Stand*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

Words *John Newton*
(1725–1807)

Tune ABBOTS'S LEIGH
Cyril Taylor
(1907–1991)

PRAYERS

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLEGE PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, the work of this College which is called by the name of thy beloved disciple, and grant that love of the brethren and all sound learning may ever grow and prosper here, to thy honour and glory, and to the good of thy people, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G)

Edward Elgar
(1857–1934)

Collection

*The Master invites all members of the congregation to the Master's Lodge
following this service for madeira and seed cake.*