

S. Michael's, Abingdon – 1867-1967

THE HOLY EUCHARIST OF THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL

on the occasion of the HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of
the CONSECRATION of the CHURCH

solemnly celebrated by the
Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

Wednesday, 25th January, 1967,
7.30 p.m.

All stand for the entry of the Bishop

HYMN FOR THE PROCESSION (E.H.641)

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!

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.

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.

O blest communion! fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

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

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.

THE LORD' S PRAYER

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Kyrie eleison	Christe eleison	Kyrie eleison
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COLLECT

O God, by whose providence we celebrate again the consecration of this church; Send down upon us, we beseech thee, thy heavenly blessing; and, because holiness becometh thine house for ever, make us living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians, 5, vv 9-17

(S.Paul speaks of the Church as God's temple, built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ.)

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL (E.H.508)

We love the place, O God,
Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

We love the house of prayer,
Wherein thy servants meet;
And thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred font,
For there the holy Dove
To pour is ever wont
His blessing from above.

We love thine altar, Lord;
O, what on earth so dear!
For there, in faith adored,
We find thy presence near.

We love the word of life,
The word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But O, we long to know
The triumph-song of heaven!

Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love thee more,
In heaven to see thy face,
And with thy Saints adore.

THE GOSPEL

S. Matthew, 21, vv 12-16

(Jesus expels the money changers from the temple and commends the children who greet him there.)

THE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (KNEEL) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man (RISE), and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

SERMON

The Right Reverend Harry Carpenter

Bishop of Oxford.

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY (E.H.489)

(during which a collection will be taken for S. Michael's Centenary Fund, and the oblations, the bread and wine to be used in the Mass, will be brought to the altar by representatives of the people.)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own Blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy Food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
 Men see her sore opprest,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distrest,
 Yet Saints their watch are keeping,
 Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
 And soon the night of Weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil, and tribulation,
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace for evermore;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may dwell with thee.

PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Invitation

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION Comfortable Words.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Bishop: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Bishop: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

People: 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION

ANTHEMS

"Dearest Jesu, we are here"

and

"Holy God, we offer here" (E.H.424)

(Sung by the choir of S, Helen's School)

HYMN (E.H.585)

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
 When thou camest to earth for me;
 But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
 For thy holy nativity.

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
 There is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the Angels sang,
 Proclaiming thy royal degree;
 But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
 And in great humility.

The foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest
 In the shade of the cedar tree;
 But thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
 In the deserts of Galilee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
 That should set thy people free;
 But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn
 They bore thee to Calvary.

Then heaven's arches shall ring, and her choirs shall sing
 At thy coming to victory,
 Let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,
 There is room at my side for thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will
 towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship
 thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great
 glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father
 Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God,
 Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins
 of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away
 the sins of the world, have
 mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the
 world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right
 hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only,
O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.

Deacon: Depart in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING.

HYMN (E.H.533)

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 today.

O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed 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 him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Amen.