

S. Michael's, Abingdon – 1867-1967

EVENSONG of the SUNDAY in the OCTAVE of the  
DEDICATION FESTIVAL  
on the occasion of the HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY  
of the CONSECRATION of the CHURCH,

solemnly sung in the presence of  
The Right Reverend the Bishop of Reading,  
The Mayor and Corporation of Abingdon,  
and other representatives of the life of the town.  
Sunday, 29th January, 1967, at 6.30 p.m.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost.

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

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

## PSALM 122

I was glad when they said / unto / me: We will / go into  
the / house of the / Lord.

Our feet shall stand / in thy / gates: O / - Jerusa/lem.

Jerusalem is / built as a / city: that is at / unity / in it/self.

For thither the tribes go up, even the / tribes of the / Lord:  
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks / unto the / Name of  
the / Lord.

For there is the / seat of / judgement: even the / seat of the  
/ house of / David.

O pray for the / peace of Je/rusalem: they shall / prosper  
that / love / thee.

Peace be with/in thy / walls: and / plenteousness with/in  
thy / palaces.

For my brethren and com/panions' / sakes: I will / wish /  
thee pros/perity.

Yea because of the house of the / Lord our / God: I will /  
seek to / do thee / good.

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/ A/men.

1st LESSON; 1 Kings 8, vv 22-50.

(Solomon's Prayer at the dedication of the temple.)

## OFFICE HYMN (E.H.170)

Christ is made the sure Foundation,  
    And the precious Corner-stone,  
Who, the two walls unerlying,  
    Bound in each, binds both in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
    And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated City,  
    Dearly loved by God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
    Pours perpetual melody:  
God the One, and God the Trinal,  
    Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
    Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;  
With thy wanted loving-kindness  
    Hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction  
    Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
    What they supplicate to gain;  
Here to have and hold for ever  
    Those good things their prayers obtain  
And hereafter in thy glory  
    With thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father;  
 Laud and honour to the Son;  
 Laud and honour to the Spirit;  
 Ever Three and ever One:  
 Consubstantial co-eternal;  
 While unending ages run. Amen

### MAGNIFICAT

Antiphon (to be sung by all after verses 2,4,6,9 and 10):

The Lord has done marvels for me: Holy is his name.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
2. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
3. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
4. His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.
5. He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.
6. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.
7. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
8. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
9. The mercy promised to our fathers, for Abraham and his sons for ever.
10. Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, both new and for ever, world without end.

## 2nd LESSON Hebrews 10, vv 19—25

(An exhortation to steadfastness and faithfulness for the sake of Jesus, our great high priest.)

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord now lettest thou thy servant de/part in / peace:  
ac/cording / to thy / word.

For mine eyes have / seen thy sal/vation: which thou hast  
prepared before the / face of / all / people,

To be a light to / lighten the / Gentiles: and to be the /  
glory of thy / people / Israel.

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. / A/men.

## THE CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven  
and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who  
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church;  
the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: 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.

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen.

People: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

People: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people.

People: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

People: Because there is none other that ruleth the world,  
but only thou, O God.

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

## HYMN (E.H.365)

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us food,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

Amen.

## SERMON

The Right Reverend Eric Knell,  
Bishop of Reading.

## HYMN (E.H.488)

(during which a collection will be taken for S. Michael's  
Centenary Fund.)

The Church of God a kingdom is,  
Where Christ in power doth reign.  
Where spirits yearn till seen in bliss  
Their Lord shall come again.

Glad companies of saints possess  
This Church below, above;  
And God's perpetual calm doth bless  
Their paradise of love.

An altar stands within the shrine  
Whereon, once sacrificed,  
Is set, immaculate, divine,  
The Lamb of God, the Christ.

There rich and poor, from countless lands,  
Praise Christ on mystic Rood;  
There nations reach forth holy hands  
To take God's holy Food.

There pure life-giving streams o'erflow  
The sower's garden-ground;  
And faith and hope flair blossoms show,  
And fruits of love abound.



O King, O Christ, this endless grace  
 To us and all men bring,  
 To see the vision of thy face  
 In joy, O Christ, our King.

HYMN FOR THE PROCESSION ( E.H.642)

Forward! be our watchword, steps and voices joined;  
 Seek the things before us, not a look behind;  
 Burns the fiery pillar at our army's head;  
 Who shall dream of shrinking, by our Captain led?  
 Forward through the desert, through the toil and fight;  
 Jordan flows before us, Sion beams with light.

Glories upon glories hath our God prepared,  
 By the souls that love him one day to be shared;  
 Eye hath not beheld them, ear hath never heard;  
 Nor of these hath uttered thought or speech a word;  
 Forward, marching eastward, where the heaven is bright,  
 Till the veil be lifted, till our faith be sight.

Far o'er yon horizon rise the city towers,  
 Where our God abideth; that fair home is ours:  
 Flash the streets with jasper, shine the gates with gold;  
 Flows the gladdening river, shedding joys untold.  
 Thither, onward thither, in the Spirit's might:  
 Pilgrims to your country, forward into light.

Into God's high temple onward as we press,  
 Beauty spreads around us, born of holiness;  
 Arch, and vault, and carving, lights of varied tone,  
 Softened words and holy, prayer and praise alone;  
 Every thought upraising to our city bright,  
 Where the tribes assemble round the throne of light.

Nought that city needeth of these aisles of stone;  
 Where'the Godhead dwelleth temple there is none;  
 All the saints that ever in these courts have stood  
 Are but babes, and feeding on the children's food.  
 On through sign and token, stars amidst the night,  
 Forward through the darkness, forward into light.

To the Father's glory, loudest anthems raise;  
 To the Son and Spirit echo songs of praise;  
 To the Lord Almighty, blessed Three in One,  
 Be by men and Angels endless honour done.  
 Weak are earthly praises, dull the songs of night;  
 Forward into triumph, forward into light!

## PRAYERS 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 a/loud: the Heavens and / all the /  
 Powers there/in.  
 To thee / Cherubin and / Seraphin : con/tinual/ly 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  
 ac/knowledge / thee: the Father / of an / infinite / Majesty,  
 Thine honourable true and / only / Son: also the / Holy /  
 Ghost the / Comforter.

Thou art the King of / Glory O / Christ: thou art the  
 ever/lasting / Son of the / Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to de/liver / man: thou didst  
 not ab/hor the / Virgin s / womb.

When thou hadst overcome the / sharpness of / death:  
 thou didst open the Kingdom of / Heaven to / all  
 be/lievers.

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 /  
 ever / lasting.

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.

Vouch/safe O / Lord: to keep us this / day with/out / sin.

O Lord have / mercy up/on us: have / mer/cy up/on us.

O Lord let thy mercy / lighten up/on us: as our / trust is /  
in / thee.

O Lord in thee / have I / trusted: let me / never / be  
confounded.

BLESSING.

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