

S. Michael's, Abingdon – 1867-1967

FIRST EVENSONG of the DEDICATION FESTIVAL
on the occasion of the HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
of the CONSECRATION of the CHURCH

Tuesday, 24th January, 1967,
7.30 pm:

HYMN (E.H. 171)

O Word of God above,
Who fillest all in all,
Hallow this house with thy sure love
And bless our festival.

We enter by this font,
Where grace is ever stored,
The risen life which all must want,
The Body of the Lord.

Here Christ of his own Blood
Himself the chalice gives,
And feeds his own with Angels' food
On which the spirit lives.

For guilty souls that pine
Sure mercies here abound,
And healing grace with oil and wine
For every secret wound.

God from his throne afar,
 Comes in this house to dwell;
 And prayer, beyond the evening star,
 Builds here her citadel.

All might, all praise be thine,
 The God whom all adore;
 The Father, Son, and Spirit divine,
 Both now and evermore.
 Amen.

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 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all that / therein / is: the
 compass of the world and / they that / dwell there/in.
 For he hath founded it up/on the / seas: and pre/pared it
 up/on the/floods

Who shall ascend into the / hill of the / Lord: or who shall
 rise up / in his / holy / place?

Even he that hath clean hands and a / pure / heart: and
 that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor / sworn to
 de/ceive his / neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing / from the / Lord: and
 righteousness from the / God of / His sal/vation.

This is the generation of / them that / seek him: even of
 them that / seek thy / face O / Jacob.

Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye
 ever/lasting / doors: and the King of / glory / shall come
 / in.

Who is the / King of / glory: it is the Lord strong and
 mighty, even the / Lord / mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye
 ever/lasting /doors: and the King of / glory / shall come /
 in.

Who is the / King of / glory: even the Lord of Hosts, / he is
 the / King of / glory.

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: Genesis 28, 10 - end.

(Jacob dedicates a place to be God's house and himself to
 be God's servant)

OFFICE HYMN (170)

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
 And the precious Corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
 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, today;
With thy wonted 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

My soul doth / magnify the / Lord: and my spirit hath
 re/joyced in/God my / Saviour.
 For he / hath re/garded: the / lowliness / of his /
 handmaiden.
 For be/hold from / henceforth: all gene/rations shall / call
 me / blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath / magnified / me: and / holy / is
 his / Name.
 And his mercy is on / them that / fear him: through/out all
 / gene/rations.
 He hath shew-ed / strength with his / arm: he hath
 scattered the proud, in the imagi/nation / of their /
 hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty / from their / seat and hath
 ex/alted the / humble and / meek.
 He hath fill-ed the hungry with / good things: and the rich
 he / hath sent / empty a/way.
 He re/membering his / mercy: hath / holpen his / servant /
 Israel.

As he promised / to our / forefathers: Abraham / and his /
seed for / ever.

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.

2nd LESSON. Rev. 21, vv 9-14, 22—end.

(S. John's vision of the glory of the church triumphant and
of all the nations being brought into it.)

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 (553)

Thou whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Ah! now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight!
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,

And in earth's darkest place
 Let there be light!

Blessed and holy Three,
 Glorious Trinity
 Wisdom, Love, Might;
 Boundless as ocean tide
 Rolling in fullest pride,
 Through the world far and wide
 Let there be light!

SERMON

The Right Reverend Eric Trapp,
 formerly Bishop of Zululand,
 now Secretary of the United Society
 for the Propagation of the Gospel.

HYMN (393)

(During which a collection will be taken for U.S.P.G. and
 S. Michael's Centenary Fund).

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.

HYMN FOR THE PROCESSION (545)

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,
 The 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.

PRAYERS

BLESSING