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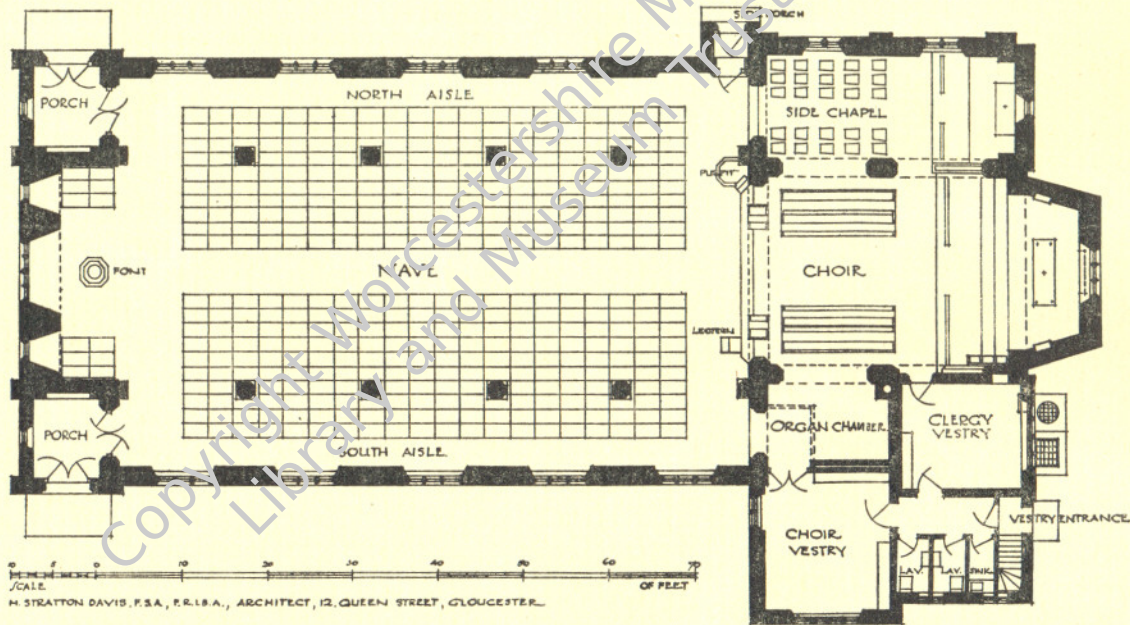
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WOTTON ST MARY WITHOUT, GLOUCESTER.

ACCOMMODATION	
NAVE	396
CHAPEL	25
CHOIR	34
TOTAL	<u>455</u>



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GROUND PLAN

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Special places shall be arranged on the site for the Choir and Clergy, the Brethren of the Masonic Lodges, the people of Wotton St. Mary Without, and the Subscribers to the Appeal Fund.

All those who have tickets for the service are requested to be in their places before 2.45 p.m.

The members of the Masonic Lodges shall assemble at 2.30 p.m. and be arranged in their places before 2.45 p.m.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall robe in the schools.

The Choirs shall robe in the Parish Hall and be ready by 2.45 p.m.

The Clergy shall robe in the Mission Church and be ready by 2.45 p.m.

At 2.50 p.m. the Procession of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall proceed to the site.

At 3 p.m. the Procession of the Choir and Clergy shall start in the following order :

1. The Cross Bearer.
2. The Building Committee and Parochial Church Council of Wotton St. Mary Without.
3. The Choirs, four abreast.
4. The Clergy of the Diocese, two abreast.
5. The Incumbents of Twigworth, Churchdown, St. Mary de Lode, St. Catharine, and Barnwood.
6. The Vicar of Wotton St. Mary Without.
7. The Churchwardens of Twigworth, Churchdown, St. Mary de Lode, St. Catharine, and Barnwood.
8. The Rural Dean and Archdeacon.
9. The Churchwardens of Wotton St. Mary Without.
10. The Bishop, attended by his Chaplain and Legal Secretary.

The following hymn shall be sung in procession :

The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of Love :
Jehovah, Great I Am,
By earth and Heaven confest ;
We bow and bless the Sacred Name
For ever blest.

The God of Abraham praise,
At Whose supreme command
From earth we rise, and seek the joys
At His right Hand :
We all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and power ;
And Him our only Portion make
Our Shield and Tower.

Though nature's strength decay,
And earth and hell with stand,
To Canaan's bounds we urge our way
At His command,
The watery deep we pass,
With Jesus in our view ;
And through the howling wilderness
Our way pursue.

The goodly land we see,
With peace and plenty blest ;
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest ;
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life for ever grow,
With mercy crown'd.

There dwells the Lord, our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world of sin,
The Prince of Peace :
On Sion's sacred height
His Kingdom He maintains,
And glorious with His saints in light
For ever reigns.

The God Who reigns on high
The great Archangels sing ;
And " Holy, Holy, Holy," cry,
" Almighty King !
Who was, and is the same,
And evermore shall be ;
Jehovah, Father, Great I Am,
We worship Thee."

Before the Saviour's Face
The ransom'd nations bow,
O'erwhelm'd at His Almighty grace
For ever new ;
He shows His prints of love,—
They kindle to a flame !
And sound through all the worlds above
The slaughter'd Lamb.

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high ;
" Hail ! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,"
They ever cry :
Hail ! Abraham's God, and mine !
(I join the heavenly lays),
All might and majesty are Thine,
And endless praise. Amen.

On reaching the West End of the Church the procession shall divide into two lines to allow the Bishop, followed by the Clergy, to go to the front.

He will then say :

- V. Except the Lord build the house :
R. Their labour is but lost that build it
V. Except the Lord keep the city :
R. The watchman waketh but in vain.
V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord :
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Lord, hear our prayer :
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help ; that in this and all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God, Whom the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain, and Who yet art pleased to have Thy habitations here upon earth ; Have respect, we humbly pray Thee, unto the prayers of us Thy servants, and visit this place with Thy heavenly Benediction ; that, being purified by Thy grace from everything which defileth, it may become holy unto Thee, and meet to receive the foundation of a dwelling-place for Thy most Blessed Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession will then move forward to the East End of the Church, chanting the following Psalms. The Bishop will proceed first, followed by the Clergy.

Ant. They will go from strength to strength, and unto God appeareth every one of them in Sion.

PSALM LXXXIV

Quem dilecta !

1. O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts !
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be always praising thee.
5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.
6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.
7. They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.
9. Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed
10. For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12. For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13. O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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.

PSALM CXXXIII.

Ecce, quam bonum !

1. Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity !

2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

3. Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Zion.

4. For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.

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.

Ant. They will go from strength to strength : and unto God appeareth every one of them in Zion.

Then the Bishop shall take his place by the stone, with the person who shall be chosen to lay the stone, the builder and the architect, and shall say :

Let us Pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, Who art the true and Almighty God, the Brightness and Image of the eternal Father, and the Life everlasting, Who art the chief Corner Stone, hewn from the Mountain without hands, and the immutable Foundation ; strengthen, we pray Thee, this Stone now about to be laid in Thy Name ; and as Thou art the Beginning, and the End, and by Thee all things were made, be Thou, we beseech Thee, the Beginning, and the increase, and the consummation of this work which we take in hand for Thy Praise, and Honour, and Glory ; Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

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Then Mrs. Palmer shall lay the stone, with the assistance of the architect and builder, saying :

In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this Foundation Stone, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall say :

Here let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love ever remain. This place is set apart for prayer and for the praise of the most holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who ever liveth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Let us Pray.

Our Father, . . . deliver us from evil. Amen.

Collect for Trinity Sunday.

O God, Who of the company of Thy Saints dwelling and knit together in unity, dost frame an eternal habitation for Thyself; grant to this House the fulness of Thy grace, that the work begun in accordance with Thy will, may of Thy bountiful goodness be brought to a perfect end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, especially in this Diocese and in this Parish; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

And more particularly we pray :

For all Thy Clergy, whether Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, and especially for the Archbishop of this Province, the Bishop of this Diocese, and the Clergy of this Parish, that they may always be found waiting on their ministry, and by their life and doctrine may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of those committed to their charge. Amen.

For those who have given of their substance for this work, that Thou wouldst, in Thy great mercy, think upon them for good, according to all that they have done or have desired to do; and prosper all their service, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

For those who shall be employed upon this building, that they may be kept safe from all harm and accident in their work, and may not offend against Thee in thought, word, or deed; but, being guarded from all danger to body or soul, may serve Thee in purity of heart and life, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

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And to this congregation, and to all others who rejoice in the foundation of this (Thy) House and who remember it in their prayers, vouchsafe of Thy mercy growth and perseverance in faith, hope, and charity, a holy life, a peaceful death, rest in Paradise, a merciful judgement at the Last Day, and the Vision of Thy countenance in Thy perfect glory ; for the love of Thy dear Son our Saviour ; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung the following hymn :

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home ;

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne
Thy Saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the Same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone ;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away ;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

The Bishop shall then deliver a short address and shall request the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, Worshipful Brother Capt. F. K. FOSTER, O.B.E., J.P., P.G.D.(ENG.), to lay a Foundation Stone.

THE STONE WILL BE RAISED

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master will reply and address the assembly.

Prayer by the Very Rev. The Dean of Hereford Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire.

Almighty and Eternal God, Great Architect of the Universe, who dost from Thy Throne behold all dwellers upon Earth direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and furnish us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended, in Thee we may glorify Thy Holy Name."

Response—*So mote it be.*

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Worshipful Brother JOHN BUBB, P.G.D. (Eng.) will place a phial in the casket after announcing its contents.

The Provincial Grand Registrar, Worshipful Brother E. A. WAGHORNE, will also place a phial in the casket after announcing its contents.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master will ask the Provincial Grand Secretary, Worshipful Brother R. J. WINNERBOTHAM, F.A.G.D. of C. (Eng.), to read the inscription on the Stone, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master will place the casket in the cavity.

The cement will be laid on the lower stone, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master will adjust the same with a trowel handed to him for the purpose by Brother STRATTON DAVIS.

The upper stone will then be lowered by three distinct movements, and adjusted by the Architects of the Building.

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The Deputy Provincial Grand Master will adjust the Stone on its bed by striking it on the four corners with the heavy maul, handed to him by W. NICHOLLS, ESQ., saying: "With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, let our work be founded," followed by proving in Masonic Form.

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The Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Worshipful Brother F. E. PLUMMER (presenting the plans), says: "Worshipful Brother deign to inspect and sanction the whole design."

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master: "I will do so with pleasure." (Inspects the plans and hands them back.) "With the implements of our Craft and these instructions, may you raise a super-structure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders."

The Vessels containing the Corn, Wine, Oil and Salt will be carried round the Stone once by the Bearers, who will halt in the West, whilst the Provincial Grand Chaplain recites the following passages from the Sacred Writings:

"There shall be an handful of CORN in the earth, upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the City shall flourish like grass of the earth."—Psalm LXXII, v. 16.

"And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of WINE, for a sweet Savour unto the Lord."—Numbers, Chap. XV, v. 7.

"And thou shalt make it an OIL of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary, it shall be an Holy anointing Oil. And thou shalt anoint the Tabernacle of the Congregation therewith, and the Ark of the Testimony."—Exodus, Chap. XXX, v. 25 and 26.

"And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with SALT; neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering. With all thine offerings, thou shalt offer Salt."—Leviticus, Chap. II, v. 13.

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The Consecrating Vessels are presented successively to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with the following words :

“Worshipful Brother, I present to you Corn, the sacred emblem of plenty.”

(The Cornucopia containing the Corn will be presented by Worshipful Brother D. G. BOODLE, Prov. S.G.D.)

The Brethren sing :

“When once of old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.”

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master : “I scatter Corn on this Stone, the emblem of plenty, and may the all bounteous Creator of the Universe shower down His choicest blessings on the members of this Community and all who shall assemble in this Building to the Glory of the Most High, until time shall be no more.”

Response—Glory be to God on High.

“Worshipful Brother, I present to you Wine, the sacred emblem of Joy and Gladness.”

(The Vessel containing the Wine to be presented by Worshipful Brother T. H. WOODCOCK, Prov. J.G.D.)

The Brethren sing :

“When there a shrine to Him alone
They built with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on Corner-stone,
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.”

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master : “I pour Wine on this Stone, the emblem of Joy and Gladness, and may He whose Name is Love, grant that we may be all of one heart and mind, and may we ever dwell together in peace and unity.”

Response—Glory be to God on High.

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“Worshipful Brother, I present to you Oil, the sacred emblem of Charity.”

(The Vessel containing the Oil to be presented by Worshipful Brother H. W. HOLLOWAY, P.P.G.D.)

The Brethren sing :

“And we have come fraternal bands,
With joy and pride, and prosperous spoil
To honour Him with votive hands,
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.”

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master : “I pour Oil on this Stone, the emblem of Charity, and may God give us grateful hearts, and may we be ever ready cheerfully to relieve the wants of others.”

Response—Glory be to God on High.

“Worshipful Brother, I present to you Salt, the sacred emblem of Hospitality and Friendship.”

(The vessel containing the Salt to be presented by Worshipful Brother D. T. JONES, P.P.G.D.)

The Brethren sing :

“Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power ;
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,
Preserve and keep this Lodge alway.”

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master : “I sprinkle Salt on this Stone, the emblem of Hospitality and Friendship, and may the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless this District, the Country and Kingdom at large with abundance of Corn, Wine, and Oil, and all the necessaries, comforts and conveniences of life. And may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the foundation, with every success.”

Response—Glory be to God on High.

Prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain :

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men upon earth, and to dwell in the midst of their assemblies. Bless, we beseech Thee, the work we have this day begun in Thy name. May the Edifice about to be erected on this foundation stone be completed to Thy Honour and Glory, and may those who shall hereafter use this building, dedicate and devote their lives to Thy service, and evermore praise and magnify Thy Holy Name.

Response—*So mote it be.*

At the conclusion of this ceremony the following hymn shall be sung and a collection shall be made

Blessed city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heav'n above,
And, with Angel hosts encircled,
As a bride from earthward move ;

From celestial realms descending,
Bridal glory round thee shed,
Meet for him Whose love espoused thee,
To thy Lora shalt thou be led ;
All thy streets, and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashionèd.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore ;
And by virtue of His merits
Thither faithful souls do soar,
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polish'd well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath will'd for ever
That His Palace should be deck'd.

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

To this Temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, to-day ;
With Thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear Thy servants, as they pray ;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee for ever
With the Blessed to retain
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee 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.

And the bishop shall dismiss the congregation with
the Blessing.

The Procession shall then return in the same order.

Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge

attending the Laying of the Foundation Stones
of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Wotton St.
Mary Without, Gloucester, on March 11th, 1933.

<i>Senior Warden</i>	. . .	W. Bro. J. F. TARRANT
<i>Junior Warden</i>	. . .	„ BERTRAM A. TOMES
<i>Chaplain</i>	. . .	Rev. Bro. F. T. SMYTHE
<i>Registrar</i>	. . .	W. Bro. A. E. WAGHORNE
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . .	„ JOHN LUBB, P.G.D.
<i>Secretary</i>	. . .	„ R. J. W. WINTERBOTHAM, P.A.G.D.C.
<i>Director of Ceremonies</i>	. . .	W. Bro. C. F. TICEHURST, P.A.G.D.C.
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	. . .	W. Bro. D. GORE BOODLE
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	. . .	„ T. H. WOODCOCK
<i>P.P.G. Deacon</i>	. . .	„ WILSON G. TOVEY
<i>P.P.G. Deacon</i>	. . .	D. THOMSON JONES
<i>Superintendent of Works</i>	. . .	„ F. E. PLUMMER
<i>A.G. Director of Ceremonies</i>	. . .	„ N. A. FREEMAN
<i>Sword Bearer</i>	. . .	„ W. R. HOPKINS
<i>Standard Bearer</i>	. . .	„ C. J. CHAPPELL
<i>Standard Bearer</i>	. . .	„ J. P. ELEY
<i>Pursuivant</i>	. . .	„ C. LAMBERT
<i>Asst. Pursuivant</i>	. . .	„ RALPH WILLIAMS
<i>P.G. Tyler</i>	. . .	Bro. E. O. HOLMAN