



WORDS FOR
MUSICAL † SERVICE
IN A LODGE OF
MARK MASTER MASONS.

GODSOL MARK LODGE,

NO. 530.

HIDDERMINSTER.

1884.



◀ PROGRAMME. ▶

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Immediately after
all Prayers.

“ So mote it be.”

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Hymn to be sung
immediately Lodge
is opened.

GREAT Architect, receive our praise,
And hear when we our voices raise,
To thank Thee for Thy gracious care,
And for the Love all Masons share.
Thus may Freemasonry extend,
With Thee, O Lord, its greatest friend,
And fostered by Thy mighty hand,
Built on a Rock, for ever stand. Amen.

While Candidate is entering Lodge, Organ plays.

Before Prayer on
advancement.

Let my Prayer come before Thee;
Incline Thine ear unto my cry.

*While Candidate is being conducted to Registrar,
Organ plays.*

While Candidate is
being conducted to
S.W. first time.

It is your reward for your service;
In the Tabernacle of the congregation

Before Obligation.

My praise shall be of Thee in the great
congregation

I will pay my vows before them that fear Him.

While Candidate
salutes V.S.L.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips,
And from a deceitful tongue.

*While Deacons and Candidates are leaving the Lodge,
Organ plays.*

*While Deacons and Candidates are returning to go to
Overseers, Organ plays.*

When the stone is
finally rejected.

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord,
For I am in trouble.

Processional.
Verses, 1, 2, 3.

MARK Masters all appear,
Before the Chief O'erseer,
In concert move.
Let Him your work inspect,
For the Chief Architect,
If there be no defect,
He will approve.

Those who have passed the square,
For your rewards prepare ;
Join heart and hand.
Each with his mark in view,
March with the just and true,
Wages to you are due
At your command.

Hiram, the widow's son,
Sent unto Solomon
Our great key-stone.
On it appears the name
Which raises high the fame
Of all to whom the same
Is truly known.

Processional
on closing.
Verses 4, 5.

Now to the westward move,
Where, full of strength and love,
Hiram doth stand.
But if imposters are
Mixed with the worthy there
Caution them to beware
Of the right hand.

Now to the praise of those
Who triumph o'er the foes
Of Masons are.
To the praiseworthy three
Who founded the degree,
May all their virtues be
Deep in our heart.

During search for
stone.

Knock, and ye shall find,
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Before W.M.
communicates signs.

He that hath ears to hear,
Let him hear.

After W.M.
has communicated
whole of signs.

The stone which the builders rejected
Is become the head of the corner.

While Deacons
conduct Candidate
to J.W.

Except the Lord build the house,
They labour in vain that build it.

While Deacons
conduct Candidate
from J.W. to S.W.

Except the Lord build the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.

After W.M.
has directed S.W.
to invest Candidate
and before he does so

To Him that overcometh will I give to eat of
the hidden manna,

And I will give him a white stone,
And in the stone a new name written,
Which no man knoweth saving he that
receiveth it.

By this I know that Thou favourest me,
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

While Candidate
is going to Pedestal
after being invested.

And as for me, Thou upholdest me in mine
integrity,

And setteth me before Thy face for ever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
From everlasting and to everlasting. Amen.

Organ on Candidate leaving and re-entering Lodge.

Conclusion
of Ceremony
before Lecture.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

After Lodge
is closed and before
L.P.M. concludes.

WHEN Wisdom, Strength and Beauty raised
A Temple to our Lord,
Wherein His Holy Name was praised
And piously adored.

Our Ancient Brethren closer drew
Those cords of love Divine,
Which bound the hearts of Masons true,
Since light began to shine.

May Faith in God, and Hope in Him,
With Charity to all,
Still give to Masons power to win
These joys that cannot pall.

On Wisdom may our Lodge be borne,
May Strength her walls uprear,
Secure that Beauty will adorn,
While Virtue's practised there. Amen.