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OF SOUTH WALES

(WESTERN DIVISION).



HYMN.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encirling gloom,
Lead Thou me on ;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet ; I do not ask to see
The distant scene ; one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Should'st lead me on ;
I loved to choose and see my path ; but now
Lead Thou me on ;
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will : remember not past years.
So long Thy power hath blessed me, sure it shall
Will lead me on ;
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile. *Amen.*

Let Us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid ; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

O, ALMIGHTY GOD, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God, after Thy great goodness ; according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away our offences. Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The Absolution, to be pronounced by the Minister aïone.

MAY the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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.*

Minister : O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Answer : And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

Minister : O God, make speed to save us.

Answer : O Lord, make haste to help us.

(ALL STANDING).

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.*

Minister : Praise ye the Lord.

Answer : The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM CXXII.

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

2. Our feet shall stand | in thy | gates. O | Je-ru-sa-lem.

3. Jerusalem is built | as a | city : that is a | city | in it-self.

4. 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.

5. For there is the seat of | judgment : even the seat | of the | house of | David.

6. O pray for the peace | of Je-ru-salem : they shall | prosper that | love thee.

7. Peace be with- | in thy | walls : and plenteous- | ness with- | in thy | palaces.

8. For my brethren and | companions' | sakes : I will | wish | thee pros- | perity.

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

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CL.

O PRAISE God | in his | holiness : praise him in the | firmament | of his | power.

2. Praise him in his | noble | acts : praise him according | to his | excellent | greatness.

3. Praise him in the sound | of the | trumpet : praise him up- | on the | lute and | harp.

4. Praise him in the | cymbals - and | dances : praise him up- | on the | strings and | pipe.

5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him
up-on the loud cymbals.
6. Let everything that hath breath : praise—the the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

LESSON — 1 COR. XIII.

PSALM LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the
light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us :

2. That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health
among all nations.
3. Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people
praise thee.
4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge
the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
5. Let all the people praise thee, O God : let all the people
praise thee.
6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God,
even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7. God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear
him.

Glory to be the Father, &c.

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 Resurrec-
tion of the body, And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let Us Pray.

O GOD, Who has prepared for them that love Thee such
good things as pass man's understanding ; Pour into our
hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all
things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can
desire ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, Who has taught us that all our doings without
charity are nothing worth ; send Thy Holy Ghost, and
pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very
bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth

is counted dead before Thee ; Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

THINE, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty ; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine ; Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all.

Let Us Pray for the King and all in authority under him.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless our Sovereign Lord King George, the Parliaments in all his dominions, and all who are set in authority under him, that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness and peace to the honour of Thy Holy Name and the good of Thy Church and people : through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let Us Pray for the extension of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world.

O GOD, Who has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send Thy Blessed Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh : grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after Thee and find Thee ; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy promise to pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let Us Pray for our Daily Bread.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, Who by Thy Blessed Son has taught us to ask of Thee our daily bread ; give us, we beseech Thee, food for soul and body, and grant that we, receiving with thankfulness Thy gracious gifts may use the same to Thy Glory, the relief of those that are needy and our own comfort ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let Us Pray for the Spirit of Brotherhood.

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, we beseech Thee to inspire us with such love, truth and equity that in all our dealings one with another we may show forth our Brotherhood in Thee for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let Us Pray for all Sufferers.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose Blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people, continue, we beseech Thee, this, His gracious work among us, especially in the hospitals of our land, cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick and the sorrowful and send down Thy Blessing on all who labour to

prevent suffering and to forward Thy purposes of love ;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AND now, O Heavenly Father, we render unto Thee our
praises and thanksgivings for all Thy mercies bestowed
upon us, for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of
this life. But, above all, we thank Thee for our Redemption
through Christ Jesus, for the means of grace afforded us here,
and for the hope of glory hereafter ; and we beseech Thee that
we and all of those for whom we have now made our supplica-
tions may with thankful hearts always serve Thee in holiness
and perseverance of living ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all
evermore. *Amen.*

ANTHEM.

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.*

SERMON.

(Provincial Grand Chaplain).

HYMN.

DURING WHICH A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN.

O WORSHIP the King, All-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love,
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
Fraïl children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
O Measureless might; Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration, shall sing to Thy praise. *Amen.*

BLESSING.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.