

Lodge "Friendship" No. 202.



# Thanksgiving Service

In the

## Royal Dockyard Church,

on

## Sunday, September 25th, 1921

at 3 p.m.

In commemoration of the  
150th Anniversary of Consecration.



W. Bro. William J. Cann,  
Worshipful Master.

# Order of Service.



## HYMN.

**T**HE 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.

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 Zion's sacred height  
His Kingdom He maintains,  
And glorious with His saints in sight  
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."

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

## LET US PRAY.

**O**UR 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.

*O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

*O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*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.*

*Praise ye the Lord.  
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 Jerusalem.
  3. Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.
  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 Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.
  7. Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.
  8. For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.
  9. 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. Amen.

LESSON. *1 Chronicles, Chapter 28.*

**A**ND David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2. Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people : *As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building.*

3. But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.*

4. Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever : for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler : and of the house of Judah, the house of my father ; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel :

5. And of all my sons (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts : for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

7. Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

8. Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God : that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

9. ¶ And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind : for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts : if thou seek him, he will be found of thee ; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

10. Take heed now ; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary : be strong and do *it*.

11. ¶ Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat.

12. And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things :

13. Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

14. *He gave* of gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service ; *silver* also for all instruments of silver by weight for all instruments of every kind of service :

15. Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for lamps thereof : and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, *both* for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

16. And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table ; and *likewise* silver for the tables of silver :

17. Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups : and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every bason ; and *likewise silver* by weight for every bason of silver.

18. And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight ; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19. All *this*, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, *even* all the words of this pattern.

20. And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it : fear not, nor be dismayed : for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee ; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

21. And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, *even they shall be* with thee for all the service of the house of God : and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service : also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

#### PSALM XLVI.

**G**OD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea ;

3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

6. The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8. O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9. He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10. Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.

## THE APOSTLES' 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 Catholick Church ; The Com-  
munion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of sins ; The Resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.*

## LET US PRAY.

*O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.*

*O Lord Save the King.*

*And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Endue our Brotherhood with righteousness.*

*And make thy humble servants joyful.*

*O Lord save thy people.*

*And bless thine inheritance.*

*Give peace in our time O Lord.*

*Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us.*

*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

## PRAYERS

*Prayer for God's Blessing upon our Order.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who orderest all things in Heaven  
and Earth, we humbly implore Thee to pour down upon all the  
Fraternity, the continual dew of Thy Blessing. Grant, we beseech  
Thee, that every member of our Order may be imbued with grace to  
perceive and use the unexampled opportunity which Thou dost now  
present to us. Thy fatherly love and protection hast so wondrously  
preserved our Institution, that we pray for Thy Inspiration to enable  
us by our individual example to spread the great principle of Brotherhood  
through every channel of the Nation's life. Help us, so that by in-  
creasing in the Knowledge of Thee and love of each other, all classes  
may be drawn together in the bond of mutual understanding, unity  
and peace, and so hasten the coming of the day, when, with one heart  
and mind we shall strive together for the good of mankind and the  
honour and glory of Thy most Holy Name. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness  
and loving-kindness to us, and to all men ; We bless thee for our creation,  
preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for thine  
inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope and glory. And, we beseech  
thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be  
unfeignedly thankful and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with  
our lips, but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by  
walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all  
honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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

HYMN.

**P**RAISE, my soul, the King of Heaven,  
To His feet thy tribute bring ;  
Ransom'd, heal'd, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing ;  
Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress ;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless ;  
Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame He knows ;  
In His hands He gently bears us ,  
Rescues us from all our foes ;  
Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him ;  
Ye behold Him face to face ;  
Saints triumphant, bow before Him,  
Gather'd in from every race :  
Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

Address by Bro. Rev. W. F. Surtees, M.A.  
Provincial Grand Chaplain.

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HYMN.

**O** WORSHIP the King  
All-glorious above ;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and His love,  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of days,  
Pavilion'd 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 establish'd 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.  
Frail 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 ransom'd creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall sing to Thy praise. Amen.

The TE DEUM will be sung as a solemn Act of Thanksgiving.

**W**E 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 aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein.  
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually 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 acknowledge 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 everlasting Son: of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
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 everlasting.  
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 would without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

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PATRIARCHIAL BENEDICTION.

**M**AY the God of our Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the Angel of the everlasting covenant, Who hath redeemed us from all evil, the Holy One Who sanctifieth us, Bless, Preserve, and Keep you now and evermore. Amen.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.

**G**OD Save our gracious King,  
Long Live our noble King,  
God save our King:  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King.

RECESSIONAL HYMN.

**B**LEST Creator of the light,  
Making day with radiance bright,  
Thou didst o'er the forming earth  
Give the golden light its birth.

Shade of eve with morning ray  
Took from Thee the name of day ;  
Darkness now is drawing nigh ;  
Listen to our humble cry.

May we ne'er by guilt depressed  
Lose the way to endless rest ;  
Nor with idle thoughts and vain  
Bind our souls to earth again.

Rather may we heavenward rise  
Where eternal treasure lies ;  
Purified by grace within,  
Hating every deed of sin.

HOLY FATHER, hear our cry  
Through Thy SON our LORD most High,  
Whom our thankful hearts adore.  
With the SPIRIT evermore. Amen.