

THE UNITED RELIGIOUS, MILITARY AND MASONIC ORDERS  
OF THE TEMPLE AND OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE,  
RHODES AND MALTA IN ENGLAND AND WALES AND PROVINCES  
OVERSEAS

HAROLD DEVEREUX STILL,  
*K.St.J.*, G.C.T.  
M.E. & S. Grand Master



RT. HON. THE LORD SWANSEA  
*O.St.J. D.L., G.C.T.*  
V.H. & R.E. Great Seneschal

A SERVICE  
for Members of the Orders  
in  
The CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST  
AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, WORCESTER  
on Saturday, 15th April, 1989  
at 4.00 p.m.  
(by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter)

*After all the members of the Orders have entered the Cathedral Church, the congregation shall stand at the entry of the procession of the M.E. and S. Grand Master and shall join in singing:*

### HYMN

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, City of our God;  
He Whose word can not be broken  
Form'd 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?

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear,  
For a glory and a covering—  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
Light by night and shade by day.  
Daily on the manna feeding  
Which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy Name.  
Fading is the world's best pleasure  
All its boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

### OPENING SENTENCES

God is spirit and those that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All shall kneel and say together:*

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against Thee, through our own fault, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy Name. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

MAY the Almighty and Merciful God forgive you your sins, strengthen you by his Spirit, and lead you to life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE HYMN OF THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA

PRAISE, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring,  
Ransomed, healed, 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 for 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,  
Gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of Grace.

## THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH XXXV

READ BY THE V. H & R. E. GREAT SENESCHAL

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

STRENGTHEN ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

THEN the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

AND the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

NO lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### HYMN

THOU Lord of Hosts, whose guiding hand  
Hast brought us here before Thy face;  
Our spirits wait for Thy command  
Our silent hearts implore Thy peace.

And now with hymn and prayer we stand,  
To give our strength to Thee, Great God;  
We would redeem Thy holy land,  
That land which sin so long has trod.

Send us where'er Thou wilt, O Lord,  
Through rugged toil and wearing fight;  
Thy conquering love shall be our sword  
And faith in Thee our truest might.

Send down Thy constant aid, we pray;  
Be Thy pure angels with us still;  
Thy truth, be that our firmest stay;  
Our only rest, to do Thy will.

## THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS VI, vv. 10-17

READ BY THE M.E. & S. GRAND MASTER

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

### HYMN

ALL people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praises forth tell  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed;  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

Enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood;  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore.



## THE PRECEPTS OF THE ORDERS.

### *Listen to our Precepts*

LOVE, honour, and fear God; walk after His commandments. Maintain and defend the Christian Faith and the honour, dignity and interests of our Order. Be loyal to your Sovereign, dutiful to the Grand Master and obedient to those who rule over you. Prefer honour to wealth. Be just and true in word and deed. Give no willing cause of offence to any; but, while opposing wrong and injustice, deport yourselves courteously and gently. Assist the distressed, the widow and the fatherless. Eschew all debasing employment, recreation and company; abhor pride and selfishness and so raise the standard of chivalrous honour, striving for the welfare of your Brethren.

### PRAYERS

#### *Let us pray*

LET us pray for our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, and for all the Royal family, for all Rulers and Governors and for all who have great responsibilities in the nation of the world. Amen.

LET us pray for all who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit, for the homeless and the hungry, the lonely and the bereaved; and for all those who have lost hope and the joy of living. Amen.

LET us remember before God the faithful departed, especially the Knights of our Orders. Amen.

O GOD, the Creator of the Universe and Father of all mankind, pour down Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon our Orders, and prosper our endeavours as Thou in Thy wisdom seest to be most convenient for us. May the Holy Spirit so direct our minds and encourage our hearts that each of all of us, being guided by Thy wisdom, may have his allotted task sanctified by Thy love, and so may our Orders ever promote Thy honour and glory and help to establish Thy kingdom upon earth; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. 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. Full deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### AN ADDRESS

By THE VERY REVEREND ROBERT JEFFERY, DEAN OF  
WORCESTER

## THE HYMN OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

(during which a collection will be taken)

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.  
Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou in the darkness, still their one true light.  
Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And Hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.  
Alleluia!

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia!

## THE BLESSING

The first verse of the  
NATIONAL ANTHEM

*The congregation shall stand during the recession of the  
M. E. & S. Grand Master and the Members of the Orders.*