



Order of Service

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH
OF CHRIST AND
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
WORCESTER

11th JULY, 1993

ORGAN RECITAL

2.00 p.m.

The congregation will remain seated during the entrance of the first and second Masonic Processions.

At 2.30 p.m. the Clergy will enter by the Miserrimus Door.

HYMN

TUNE: OLD 100th

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.
- 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 O 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

W. KETHE, *Day's Psalter* (1561)

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our Gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

Then shall W. Bro. The Rev. Canon A. Webb, A.K.C., P.A.G.Chap.,
*Provincial Grand Chaplain, call the Congregation to
Thanksgiving and Remembrance. All kneel:-*

BLESSED are the people whose God is the Lord.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee, in whose heart are Thy ways: he shall not be afraid of any evil tidings.

Blessed is the man that provideth for the sick and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

Blessed is the man whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Beloved, we are met together to worship the Lord in the beauty of this place, to confess our need of his grace and power, to sing his praise, and to give Him thanks for every blessing that is ours. And it is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give glory to God for His preservation of our Fellowship through the changes and chances of the years, and for the health and harmony of its working in our land.

We remember, with thankfulness before God, the Founders and Benefactors of the Lodges, those who laid their foundations in fidelity and built their walls in uprightness, and those who have supported them by their constancy and enriched them by their service.

We gather also into our remembrance all who have departed this life in God's faith and fear, especially those for whom the trumpets have sounded on the other side since last we assembled and met together.

Wherefore I pray you to accompany me with a grateful heart unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying, with me:

Almighty 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.

So mote it be.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven. Hallowed by 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.

W. Bro. B.M. Cooper, J.P., P.S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, shall be preceded to the Lectern by the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to read:

THE FIRST LESSON

JOEL 2, Verses 18-27

HYMN

TUNE: MELITA

1. Father of heaven in whom we live,
All humankind beneath thy sun,
Stablish our work in thee begun,
Except the house be built of thee,
In vain the builder's toil must be,
O strengthen our infirmity!
2. O Christ, our only leader, who
By serving us God's will didst do,
Help us to serve our brethren too,
Guide us to seek the things above,
The base to shun, the pure approve,
To live by thy free law of love.
3. We live not for ourselves alone,
In others' good he finds his own,
Life's worth in fellowship is known.
We, friends and comrades on life's way,
Gather within these walls to pray:
Bless thou our fellowship to-day.
4. In all our work, in all our play,
Be with us, Lord, our Friend, our Stay;
Lead onward to the perfect day:
Then may we know, earth's lesson o'er,
With comrades missed or gone before,
Heaven's fellowship for evermore.

H.C. SHUTTLEWORTH

V.W. Bro. Dr. H. John White, J.P., P.G.Swd.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge shall be preceded to the Lectern by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, to read:

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 4, verses 5 - 19

HYMN

TUNE: HAREWOOD

- 1 Christ is our Corner-stone
On him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled:
On his great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.
- 2 O then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
For Thine in One to sing;
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.
- 3 Here, gracious God, do thou
Forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower
On all who pray
Each holy day
Thy blessings pour.
- 4 Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

Tr. J. CHANDLER

THE ADDRESS

V.W. Bro. The Rev. Dr. M. Morgan, Ph.D.
Past Grand Chaplain

*During the singing of this hymn a collection will be taken for
The Cathedral Funds.*

HYMN

TUNE: RICHMOND

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
Nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part.

Praise in the common things of life,
Its going out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise:
Let all my being speak
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
The praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
The song for ever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care,
Be turned into song;
And every winding of the way
The echo shall prolong.

So shall no part of day or night
Unblest or common be;
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with thee.

H. BONAR

The following Prayers are said by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Let us Pray:

O LORD our God, let thine eyes be open and let thine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. Let thy priests be clothed with salvation and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. The Lord God be with us as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us nor forsake us, that we may incline our hearts unto Him to walk in his way.

So mote it be.

Let us pray for our Queen and people:

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, we humbly beseech Thee to bless our gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and all the Royal Family. Give wisdom and understanding to all who are set in authority over us, and grant that the people of our land may meet all times of testing with discipline, devotion and courage.

So mote it be.

Let us pray for the Order (in words of an ancient Masonic prayer):

O LORD God, the first builder of man, as it were a temple. Thou who has promised that, where two or three are gathered together in thy Name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them, vouchsafe now to bless all our undertakings and grant that we may be faithful brothers. Let grace and peace be multiplied unto us, through the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord God, add to our faith virtue, and to godliness brotherly love, and to brotherly love charity; and grant, O Lord, that Masonry may be blessed throughout the world, and thy peace be upon us, and grant that we may be all united as one, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

So mote it be.

Let us with all reverence and humility express our gratitude to God for favours already received; may He continue to preserve us by building up in us every moral and social virtue.

So mote it be.

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HYMN

TUNE: ANGEL VOICES

- 1 Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

- 3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of mine,
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthy
Hearts and minds and hands and voices,
In our choicest
Psalmody.

- 5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

F. POTT

All remain Standing for
THE BLESSING

During the organ voluntary the Clergy will precede the Masonic Processions out of the Cathedral by the Miserrimus Door.

Members of the Congregation are asked to remain in their places until all the processions have left the Cathedral.