

ST. ALPHEGE

SOLIHULL



750

Sunday, 6th September, 1970, at 3 p.m.

FESTAL EVENSONG

FOR MEMBERS OF
SOLIHULL MASONIC LODGES

SPEAKER:
THE RT. REV. BISHOP G. SINKER, M.A.
Provost of Birmingham.

ORGAN RECITAL — 2.40 p.m.

BY

W.BRO. ALBERT STOLLARD
Deputy Provincial Grand Organist.
(Organist and Choirmaster of Knowle Parish Church)

Sonata. I. Preludio	Alexandre Guilmant
II. Adagio Molto	
Evensong	Easthope Martin
Andante	Basil Harwood

ADDRESS OF WELCOME — 3 p.m.

BY

THE REV. CANON H. HARTLEY, B.Sc.
Rector of Solihull.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Hymn:

- 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 Heav'n and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host,
Be praise and glory evermore.

Followed by the first verse of the

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Then shall W.Bro. Rev. Canon Lawrence Jackson, A.K.C., C.F., Prot. Grand Chaplain, exhort the Brethren to thanksgiving and remembrance—

Brethren, we are met together to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, to confess our need of his grace and power, to sing his praise in the sanctuary, 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 the Most High for his preservation of our Ancient Church and Order through the changes and chances of the years.

Therefore we remember with gladness before God the founders and benefactors, those who laid their foundations in fidelity and built their walls in uprightness, those who have supported them by their constancy and enriched them by their sacrifice.

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

All kneeling

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. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show 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, for the honour and glory of thy great Name.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips;
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
V. O God, make speed to save us;
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

All shall stand

- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be; world without end.

Amen.

- V. Praise ye the Lord;
R. The Lord's name be praised.

THE OPENING ODE

1 Hail, Eternal, by whose aid
All created things were made,
Heaven and earth thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

2 May our work begun in thee,
Ever blest with order be,
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace.

3 By thy Glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

So mote it be.

PSALM 122—LAETATUS SUM.

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.
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.
For there is the seat of Judgement: even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions sake: I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.
Gloria.

THE FIRST LESSON

READ BY

BRO. D. M. HICKMAN, W.M. ST. ALPHEGE LODGE, NO. 1431.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our fore-
fathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Gloria.

THE SECOND LESSON

READ BY

W.BRO. REV. EDWARD, F. S. WILMOT, M.A., PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN.

NUNC DIMITIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Gloria.

Then, all kneeling, shall be sung the versicles and responses.

- V. O Lord shew thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. O Lord, save the Queen.
R. And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. O Lord, save thy people;
R. And bless thine inheritance.
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
V. O God, make clean our hearts with us;
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

ANTHEM

“THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD” (Psalm 23) — G. A. MACFARREN.

All shall kneel.

Prayers: W.BRO. REV. CANON DONALD FOSTER, M.A., PASTOR, PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

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 Queen 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 self-discipline, self-devotion and courage.

So mote it be.

Let us pray for the world.

O Lord God, who art king, be the people never so impatient, who sitteth between the cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet; let all the nations of the earth know that thou art God and that there is none else. Turn to thyself the hearts of all rulers and peoples, that doing justly and loving mercy and walking humbly with thee, they may live together as one family in the bond of thy peace.

So mote it be.

Let us pray for this church of St. Alphege.

Almighty Lord, we thank thee for the love and compassion thou hast showered upon thy children through this church during the 750 years that are past. We pray that thou wilt likewise bless us whose lot is cast in such a goodly heritage, and grant that we in our turn may faithfully set forward the saving purpose of thy church, to the glory of thy name and the extension of thy kingdom.

So mote it be.

Finally, let us pray for the welfare of our Order, and for all who are trusted with its guidance and governance in this Province.

Almighty Architect of the Universe, deign from thy celestial abode to bless all members of our fraternity, especially the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and the Officers and Members of the Province; may brotherly love, relief, and truth prevail among us; and may we so dedicate and devote our lives to thy service that we may continue ever to be true and faithful Brethren. We specially commend to thy care and attention all our Brethren wheresoever they may be, who are distressed in mind, body or estate; grant them a speedy relief out of all their troubles, if it shall be thy gracious will. Finally we pray that we may increase in knowledge of thee and love of each other, that our work begun in thy name may be continued to thy glory and evermore established in us by obedience to thy Holy Law.

So mote it be.

All shall stand and sing

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health
and salvation;
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when
fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
How thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy
work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily
attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If to the end He befriend thee.

All shall be seated

THE ADDRESS

by RT. REV. THE PROVOST OF BIRMINGHAM,
W.BRO. GEORGE SINKER, M.A., P. DET. G. CHAPLAIN (PUNJAB)

HYMN

(During the singing of this hymn a collection will be taken
for St. Alphege 750 Festival Fund).

- 1 Thy Hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers own'd Thy goodness
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
- 2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching.
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
- 3 Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the Nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
Sin pardon'd, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
- 4 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
- 5 Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

THE CLOSING ODE

- 1 Now the evening shadows closing,
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;
Mystic arts and rites reposing,
Sacred in each faithful breast.
- 2 God of light whose love unceasing,
Doth to all thy works extend;
Crown our Order with thy blessing,
Build, sustain us to the end.
- 3 Humbly now we bow before thee,
Grateful for thine aid divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty architect! be thine.

All shall kneel.

THE BLESSING

So mote it be.

HYMN

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.
- O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplex'd,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
- 2 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest Heaven,
The One Eternal God,
Whom earth and Heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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'St. Alphege 750' Objective

"To recall to Solihull the past history of the Church and Parish and to point out the part that the Church can play now and in the future, emphasising that the Gospel has been, is now and will be the continuing link between past, present and future."

'750' Prayer

O good Shepherd, O incomparable Shepherd, we thank Thee for the love and compassion Thou hast showered upon Thy children through this Church during the 750 years that are past.

We pray that Thou wilt likewise bless us whose lot is cast in such a goodly heritage : and grant that we in our turn may faithfully set forward the saving purpose of Thy Church, to the glory of Thy name and the extension of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.