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Great Prior / Family Church Service

in

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF LINCOLN

on Saturday, 28th July, 2001

This service is a national event for members of the Order, their families and their friends. It takes place today at Lincoln Cathedral by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter.

*The music for the service provided by the London Cantata Choir.
Musical Director: Peter Moorse, M.Mus., GTCL, FRCO(CHM),
Hon.FGCM. Organist: Jonathan Vaughan, FRCO.*

The Bro.Knights will stand for all processions of the Order. The congregation will please stand or sit as indicated in this order of service.

Stand as the Cathedral procession enters through the Great West Door.

The Bedel
The Choir
A Vergier
The Great Prelate of the Order
The Canons' Vergier
The Chapter Cross
The Precentor
The Dean's Vergier
The Dean

The Choir sings the Introit: George Dyson: Confortare

*Be strong and of a good courage. Keep the commandments of
the Lord and walk in his ways.*

*(Sung immediately after the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II at
the Coronation, 1953)*

*During the hymn that follows, the Cathedral procession makes its way through the
nave.*

The Grand Master's procession enters through the Great West Door.

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
singing everlastingly.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
here to have and hold for ever
these good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter in thy glory,
with thy blessed ones to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
while unending ages run.

Latin, c 7th century

Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66)

Sit

WELCOME AND BIDDING

Dean: I welcome you to Lincoln Cathedral in the name of Christ. We have come together throughout the country and beyond to worship God, to honour the fine traditions of the Order and of the Temple of St. John, and to pray for Gods blessing on the Order and on its works of charity.

First let us listen together humbly as the Precepts of the Order are read to us.

THE PRECEPTS OF THE ORDER

The Revd. Arthur Brown: 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 dissuading employment, recreation and company;
abhor pride and selfishness and so raise the standard of
chivalrous honour, striving for the welfare of your
Brethren.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Dean: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by this Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stand

HYMN (NEH 436)

Tune: Praise, my soul

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. 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,
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness

3. 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.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, helps us to adore him;
we behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

H.F. Lyte (1793-1847)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35

read by the Great Seneschal

V.H. & R.E. Knight Peter Cheney, G.C.T.

ANTHEM

The Choir sings "The Fair Chivalry".

Words: Lionel Johnson (1867-1902)

Music: Dr. Robert Ashfield (b. 28th July 1911)

Ah, see the fair chivalry come, the companions of Christ!
White horsemen who ride on white horses, the knights of God!

They, for their Lord and their Lover who sacrific'd all
save the sweetness of treading where He first trod!
These, through the darkness of death, the dominion of night,
swept, and they woke in white places at morning tide:
They saw with their eyes and sang for joy at the sight,
they saw with their eyes the eyes of the Crucified.

Now, withersoever He goeth, with Him they go:
White horsemen who ride on white horses, oh fair to see!
They ride where the rivers of Paradise flash and flow,
White horsemen with Christ their captain: for ever He!

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SECOND READING
Luke 10.25-37
read by the Grand Master
M.E.S. Knight Leslie Felgate Dring, G.C.T.

Stand

HYMN (NEH 367/ii)

Tune: Charity

1. Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.
2. Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong,
therefore give us love.
3. Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay,
therefore give us love.
4. Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.
5. Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.
6. From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

Sit

THE SERMON

*The Revd. Canon Andrew Stokes,
Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral*

CHORAL MEDITATION

*The Choir sings words from Psalm 84; music by
Johannes Brahms (from A German Requiem).*

How lovely is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the
Lord. My soul and body cry out, yea, for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within thy house: they praise thy
name evermore.

THE PRAYERS

led by the Revd. Arthur Brown

*For the Queen, for the leaders of the nation, and for peace and
justice:*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign
Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority in the nations of
the world; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity,
righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of
your Church and people; and hear our prayers especially for the
rulers and people of the Holy Land, that they may know in their
midst the peace and justice which is the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

*For the sick, the homeless, the hungry, the persecuted and all who
suffer:*

God of love, we bring before you all the suffering, injustice and
misery which afflict humanity. Have pity on the work of your hands.
Look with pity upon the poor, the oppressed, the sick and all who
bear hardship. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who
suffer, and proclaim among us your kingdom of justice and truth.
Bless the work of the Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, the St. John
Ambulance Association and all works of mercy assisted by our order.
We make these prayers through him who gave his life for others,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the faithful departed, especially for the Knights of our Orders:

Father of all, we pray for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For our Orders and for all Knights Templar throughout the world:

O God, the Creator of the Universe and Father of all mankind, pour down thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon all Orders of Knights Templar, and prosper their endeavours as thou in thy wisdom seest to be most convenient for them. May the Holy Spirit so direct our minds and encourage our hearts that each of us, being guided by thy wisdom, may have his allotted tasks sanctified by thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, we are told to say:

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.

Stand

During the hymn that follows a collection will be made, to be given to Lincoln Cathedral.

THE HYMN OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

HYMN (NEH 197, omit v.4)

Tune: Sine nomine

1. For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confest,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight,
thou in the darkness drear their own true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
3. O may the soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
5. 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.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
sweet is the gain of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
7. Hail! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
8. 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.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

(verse 1 only)

HYMN (NEH 489)

Tune: 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!

THE BLESSING

Please remain standing while the processions depart.

Organ voluntary: William Walton, Coronation March (1927) "Crown Imperial".

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