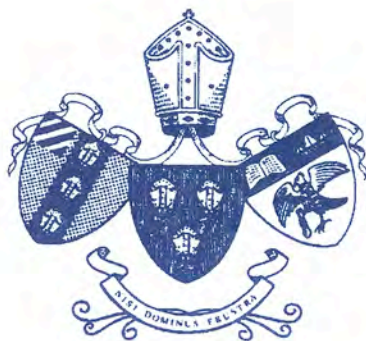


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ST. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL

A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

on the

One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary
of the Founding of St. Elphin's School

The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby

Saturday, 15th January, 1994, at 11.00 am

*Before the Service the Cathedral bells will be rung in celebration of the
150th Anniversary by former pupils of the school and members of the
Derby Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.*

Organ music before the service

Chorale No. 3 in A minor, C. Franck

Sheep may Safely Graze, J. S. Bach

Director of Music: MR. STEPHEN YEO

Conductor of Junior Choir: MRS. MARGARET JOHNSON

Organist: MR. PETER GOULD

Order of Service

OPENING SENTENCES

With all my heart I will thank the Lord in the assembly of His people.
How wonderful are the things the Lord does. *Psalm 111, verse 1.*

Read in the languages of St. Elphin's

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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, hallelujah,
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:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
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:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

All remain standing

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Read by the HEAD GIRL

We have come to this Cathedral church to make an act of thanksgiving to God for our school. We remember those through whose vision, faith and generosity, St. Elphin's was founded, and for all who in later years have given their energies and resources to further the ideals of its Founders.

We thank you for women and men of learning who as teachers and pupils have advanced the frontiers of knowledge and given service to others in our nation and other parts of the world.

We now meet in a spirit of courage and hopefulness that as we look to the future God will grant us the love of whatsoever is true and beautiful and good.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our lord.

All: Amen

**Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name:
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

Please sit

PRESENTATION BY THE INFANTS

(and a member of the lower sixth)

'God knows best'

Please stand

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Please sit

ST. ELPHIN'S : PERSPECTIVE OVER
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS

THE HEADMASTER

ANTHEM

Nisi Dominus Frustra (Psalm 127)

Music by Betty Roe

This piece of music has been specially commissioned by the School
to celebrate the 150th anniversary.

Today it is given its first performance by the School Choral Society.

(In the presence of the composer)

Nisi Dominus Frustra.
Except the Lord build the house,
they labour in vain that build it.
Except the Lord keep the city,
the watchman waketh but in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early,
to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows,
for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children are an heritage from the Lord:
and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man.
So are children of the youth.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
they shall not be ashamed, but they shall
speak with the enemies in the Gate.
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.
Nisi Dominus Frustra. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah, Chapter 30, verses 18 to 21: A member of Year 11

Yet the Lord is waiting to show you his favour,
yet he yearns to have pity on you;
for the Lord is a God of justice.
Happy are all who wait for him !

O people of Zion who dwell in Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. The Lord will show you favour and answer you when he hears your cry for help.

The Lord may give you bread of adversity and water of affliction, but he who teaches you shall no longer be hidden out of sight, but with your own eyes you shall see him always.

If you stray from the road to right or left you shall hear with your own ears a voice behind you saying, This is the way; follow it.

Please stand

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Please sit

PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF YEAR 8 and YEAR 7

'Jesus the Light of the World'

MARY SANG A SONG

From Luke 1.46-55 (A Folk Magnificat)

Mary sang a song, a song of love
Magnified the mighty Lord above.
Melodies of praise His Name extol
From the very depths of Mary's soul:

God the Lord has done great things for me,
Looked upon my life's humility;
Happy, they shall call me from this day
Merciful is He whom we obey.

To the humble soul our God is kind,
To the proud He brings unease of mind;
Who uplifts the poor? — pulls down the strong?
God alone has power to right the wrong.

He who has been Israel's strength and stay
Fills the hungry, sends the rich away;
He has shown His promise firm and sure
Faithful to His people evermore.

This was Mary's song as we recall,
Mother to the Saviour of us all:
Magnify His name and sing His praise
Worship and adore Him all your days.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John, Chapter 1, verse 5 to Chapter 2, verse 2: A member of year 10

Here is the message we heard from him and pass on to you: that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to be sharing in his life while we walk in the dark, our words and our lives are a lie; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, then we share together a common life, and we are being cleansed from every sin by the blood of Jesus his Son.

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, he is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong; but if we say we have committed no sin, we make him out to be a liar, and then his word has no place in us.

My children, in writing thus to you my purpose is that you should not commit sin. But should anyone commit a sin, we have one to plead our cause with the Father, Jesus Christ, and he is just. He is himself the remedy for the defilement of our sins, not our sins only but the sins of all the world.

Please stand

HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Please sit

SERMON

THE RIGHT REVEREND MICHAEL HENSHALL, BISHOP OF WARRINGTON
Chairman of Governors

ANTHEM

"Ave Verum Corpus"
Music by Malcolm Archer

Ave verum corpus natum, ex Maria virgine. Vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum, vero fluxit sanguine. Esto
nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

Please sit or kneel

PRAYERS

THE INTERCESSIONS ARE INTRODUCED BY THE CHAPLAIN,
THEN THE DEPUTY HEAD READS THE FIRST PRAYER.

We pray for our Visitor, our Patron Bishops and Trustees, and for
Michael our Bishop Chairman, the Governors and their officers, that
they may be sustained by your Holy Spirit to guide this School through
these challenging days and that it may continue to witness to the ideals
of a Christian education.

We give thanks for the work of the Friends of St. Elphin's who give so
freely of their time and talents.

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

A MEMBER OF YEAR 9 READS THE SECOND PRAYER

We pray for this School, for the Headmaster, the House and teaching
Staff, for those who administer and maintain the School, and for all
those who look after our health and welfare.

We give thanks for our Chapel and the place it holds in our lives, for
the good traditions we have inherited, and for the friendships made in
our life here together.

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

THE SECRETARY OF THE OLD GIRLS' GUILD
READS THE THIRD PRAYER

We pray for the Old Girls' Guild and for the fellowship it offers, and we remember all those who have gone forth from this School, that they may uphold the standards learnt here, and always try to serve the community in which they live.

We give thanks for our families through whom you have given us life, and we pray for all those whom we love both far and near, that by your Spirit we may be one with them, and one with you.

Lord, in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer

A GOVERNOR READS THE FOURTH PRAYER

We remember with thanksgiving our Founder, Horace Powys, and the great company of those, who over the years, have served and built up our School. We give thanks for all who by their courage and wisdom, by their sincere love of learning, by their friendship and kindness, have helped many generations to search for the truth. We pray that we and all mankind, both living and departed, may come to the light of your glory, in the holy and eternal city.

Lord, in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer, Amen

Please stand

FINAL HYMN

(During which a collection will be taken)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

All remain standing for the Blessing and as the procession departs

THE BLESSING
THE BISHOP OF WARRINGTON

Organ Voluntary:

Crown Imperial, *William Walton*

*We are most grateful to the staff at Derby Cathedral and all those who have
worked to make this celebration possible.*

Thank you.