

Order of Service

to be used at

THE OPENING

of

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
BRADLEY**

by

The Lord Bishop of Bradford

on

**SUNDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1963
at 2-30 p.m.**

*The choir and visiting clergy having taken their places,
the Bishop's procession shall enter and proceed to the sanctuary
during the singing of the following hymn.*

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.

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.

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.

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.

Then shall the Bishop say :

Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout men, moved by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have in all ages established buildings for the public worship of God, let us give thanks unto Him for this place and pray that He will bless its continuing use to the Glory of His Holy Name and the establishing of His people in the faith of His Holy Gospel. But first, remembering God's Presence, let us kneel and make humble confession of our sins.

(All) O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed : we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Absolution*) May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(*All*) 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.

(*Archdeacon*) We beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to bless Thy House and in the hearts of Thy faithful people establish for Thyself an everlasting habitation, that we may be glorified by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit, by whose power we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung :

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.

O then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower
On all who pray
Each holy day
Thy blessing pour.

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.

Then shall all be seated for the—

LESSON

GENESIS 28 v. 10-17

to be read by the People's Warden.

The Lesson ended, all shall stand for the singing of Psalm 100 :

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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 : world without end. Amen.

Then shall all kneel for the—

SUPPLICATIONS

to be led by the Vicar.

Grant, O Lord, that all Thy servants who shall come into this Thy Holy Temple may remember that they are themselves temples of the Holy Ghost, eschewing all things contrary to their profession, and following all such things as are agreeable to the same.

People Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that the Clergy, Choir and Musicians of this Church may ever be mindful of the dignity of the office to which they are called, and that their prayers and praises may lead Thy people to the throne of Grace, and be joined to the perpetual intercession of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all who in this place shall renew the promises and vows of their Baptism, and receive the Laying on of Hands, may be confirmed with power from on high; and, being filled with the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost, may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to Thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all who shall receive in this place the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may come to that Holy Mystery with faith, charity, and true repentance; and, being filled with grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His Passion Who died and rose again and ascended for us that He might fill all things, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop, standing in the Sanctuary, say—

Give ear O Lord to us Thy Servants and grant, we pray Thee, that as Thy people assemble in this place they may by Thy grace both hear and receive Thy holy Word and learn to serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood; hear now our prayers and do Thou DEDICATE, HALLOW and BLESS this altar that the memorial of His death and resurrection may here be made with reverence and godly fear and that Thy people receiving this holy sacrament to Thy honour and glory, may continue in fellowship with Thee and one another and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for them to walk in.

And now do Thou vouchsafe to BLESS this whole building in memory of the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory now and for evermore.

To which all present shall reply—AMEN.

Then shall be sung :

JESUS, shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns :
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. C. G. ST. MICHAEL PARKER

LORD BISHOP OF BRADFORD

RECEPTION OF GIFTS

During the singing of the hymn following, the gifts from the congregation present and other sources, will be received for the adaptation of the premises fund.

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 perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

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 heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

*During the Presentation, all remaining standing and led
by the Bishop shall say :*

Bishop All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given Thee.

Bishop Let us pray.

Go before us O Lord in all our doings with Thy most
gracious favour and further us with Thy continual
help; that in all our works begun, continued, and
ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name and
finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Peace be to this House from God our heavenly Father.

Peace be to this House from His Son Who is our Peace.

Peace be to this House from the Holy Ghost the Comforter.