

PARISH OF HARLOW

A Service of Commemoration for The Old Harlovians

on the Occasion of

the Closure of St John's Church, Old Harlow.

Sunday, 22nd June, 1980 at 8.00 pm

INTRODUCTION and WELCOME

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 flock, 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.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

The General Confession: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.
Amen.

The Absolution

The Lord's prayer

The Responses: O Lord, open thou our lips
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please turn over

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Lamentations 3:1-26

The Canticle: My sould doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath
rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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 seat: 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 forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

The Gloria.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: St Luke 10:25-37

THE APOSTLES' CREED: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

The Responses: The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects for Trinity III, and two at Evening Prayer

The Intercessions

THE HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Come ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

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Praise to the Lord, who/all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
All that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
All the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.

THE ADDRESS 'Coping with Change' The Revd Robert Howarth

THE HYMN Now thank we all our God
With hearts 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 today.

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 Holy Ghost,
Supreme in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

THE BLESSING