



Service of Thanksgiving

on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the
Consecration of Christ Church, Stratford, E.15

ON

Thursday, May 15th, 1952, at 8 p.m.

Preacher

The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford

Vicar:

THE REVEREND HERBERT RESEIGH, A.K.C.

Churchwardens:

MR. J. W. H. EVANS AND MR. A. J. CARTER.

Licensed Readers:

MR. S. E. HOBART, MR. F. D. SIMKINS AND MR. R. C. MILLER.

Organist:

MISS L. JENNINGS.

Secretary and Treasurer:

MR. H. W. DORAN

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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.

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.

When shadows thick were falling,
And all seem'd sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous Grace was pour'd,
And this was still their message,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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.

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 stor'd;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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."

Amen.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Let the whole earth stand in awe of him."

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. *Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

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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' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

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.*

THE FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 35

Read by the Rev. G. E. Gould, Minister of West Ham Baptist Tabernacle, and Chairman of the Stratford Fellowship of Christian Churches.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul 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.

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.*

THE SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 10, 19-25

Read by the Rev. Hartley S. Brook, Vicar and Rural Dean of West Ham.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

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.*

THE 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 Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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

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

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

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

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

THE COLLECTS

INTERCESSIONS FOLLOWED BY
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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; (especially for the Centenary of our Church). We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GRACE

NOTICES

HYMN

WE love the place, O God,
Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joys excels.

It is the house of prayer,
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred Font;
For there the Holy Dove
To pour is ever wont
His blessing from above.

We love Thine Altar, Lord;
Oh, what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored,
We find Thy Presence near.

We love the Word of life,
The Word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But oh, we long to know
The triumph-song of heav'n.

Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love Thee more,
In Heav'n to see Thy Face,
And with Thy Saints adore.

Amen.

SERMON
THE LORD BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

During the singing of the next hymn a Collection will be taken for Centenary Expenses.

FOR all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.

Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.

Alleluia!

Oh! may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia!

Oh! blest communion! fellowship Divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Alleluia!

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.

Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west:
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.

Alleluia!

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—

Alleluia! Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

CHRIST is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated City,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

To this Temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
With Thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee for ever
With the Blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in Might, and One in Glory,
While Eternal Ages run. Amen.

The Vestry Prayer will be said at the Church Door.

CENTENARY NOTES

We give a warm welcome to all those who may be visiting this Church for the first time, and, of course, a special greeting to past members of the congregation who have returned for this service. The reception afterwards in the Cooper Hall will provide all with the opportunity of meeting.

Please take this Service Paper home with you as a memento of an historic occasion in the life of Christ Church, and remember the work of the parish in your prayers.

In connection with the Centenary, a short history of Christ Church has been compiled, and copies will be on sale in the Cooper Hall.

The programme for the rest of the week is as follows:—

FRIDAY, 16th MAY.—8 p.m., Overseas Service arranged by our Missionary Committee. Preacher: The Rev. J. B. H. Britter, Vicar of St. John's, Walthamstow.

SATURDAY, 17th MAY.—Re-union Social in the Cooper Hall, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, 18th MAY.—

8.00 a.m., Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m., Morning Prayer. Preacher: The Rev. E. H. Steele, Vicar of St. Paul's, Stratford.

3.15 p.m., Centenary Service for Children. Preacher: The Rev. H. J. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Chadwell Heath.

6.30 p.m., Closing Service of our Centenary Week. Preacher: The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Barking.
At this service a new Lectern Bible will be dedicated to the memory of the late Canon R. B. Bertin, Vicar of this Parish 1923-1932.

Emmanuel Church, Forest Gate, celebrates its Centenary just a week after ours, on Thursday next, May 22nd, and we at Christ Church offer our warmest congratulations to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and members of the congregation.

A reminder to all members of the West Ham Rural Deanery. The summer meeting of the Deanery Missionary Council will be held on THURSDAY, MAY 29th, in St. Mary's Church Hall, Plaistow, by invitation of the Vicar. Programmes 6d. each (inclusive of refreshments) are obtainable from your parish Missionary Representative. The meeting proper will commence at 8 p.m., and the speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Basil C. Roberts, D.D., Secretary of S.P.G. Subject: "Younger Churches of the East in the making."