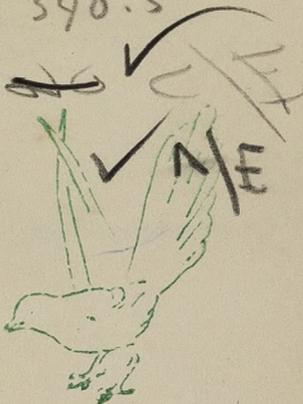


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ORDER OF SERVICE.

The Bishop, the visiting Bishops, the Chaplain, and the Clergy shall assemble in the Vicarage, whence, after they have vested, they will be conducted to the West Door of the Church, where they will be met by the Choir.

Processional Hymn (E.H. 639).

The Church triumphant in thy love,
Their mighty joys we know ;
They sing the Lamb in hymns above,
And we in hymns below.

Thee in thy glorious realm they praise,
And bow before thy throne ;
We in the kingdom of thy grace :
The kingdoms are but one.

The holy to the holiest leads,
From hence our spirits rise,
And he that in thy statutes treads
Shall meet thee in the skies. Amen.

When all are in their places, the officiating Minister shall begin Evensong, saying :

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say :

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.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

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PSALM 87.

Her foundations are upon the holy hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Very excellent things are spoken of thee : thou city of God.

I will think upon Rahab and Babylon : with them that know me.

Behold ye the Philistines also : and they of Tyre, with the Morians ; lo, there was he born.

And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her : and the most High shall stablish her.

The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people : that he was born there.

The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse : All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

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.*

SPECIAL LESSON. Isaiah XII.

THE MAGNIFICAT.

THE CREED.

COLLECTS.

Priest. Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens ; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven ; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless ; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone ; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders and offices in thy Church, mercifully behold thy servants who have been called to the Order of Deaconesses ; Replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that they may continually serve thee to the glory of thy Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest thy love by sending thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live like him : Pour thy Spirit upon thy Church that it may fulfil his command to preach the Gospel to every creature ; send forth, we beseech thee, labourers into thy harvest ; defend them in all dangers and temptations ; and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved ; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

We give thee humble and hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to put into the hearts of thy servants to build the house which is now to be dedicated to thine honour ; Humbly we beseech thee that all they who from time to time shall dwell therein, yielding themselves wholly to thy service, may shew forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light ; for the glory of thy Name and for the welfare of thy Church : through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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

HYMN (E.H. 93)

The God of love my Shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed ;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need ?

He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest ;
Then to the streams that gently pass :
In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame.
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear ;
For thou are with me, and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days ;
And as it never shall remove
So neither shall my praise. Amen.

During the singing of this hymn there will be a collection.

SHORT ADDRESS.

*After the Address the Procession shall leave the Church
in the following order :*

The Crossbearer.

The Choir.

Deaconesses.

Head Deaconesses.

The Head Deaconess and the Resident Deaconesses
of the House.

The Clergy.

The Chaplain of the House.

The Visiting Bishops.

The Bishop of Winchester and his Chaplains.

Other Members of the Provincial Council of Deaconesses,
and of the Deaconess House Committee.

The Congregation.

During the Procession the following Hymn shall be sung :

HYMN (E.H. 638)

Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee ?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see ?

O happy harbour of the Saints !
O sweet and pleasant soil !
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.

In thee no sickness may be seen,
No hurt, no ache, no sore ;
In thee there is no dread of death,
But life for evermore.

No dampish mist is seen in thee,
No cold nor darksome night ;
There every soul shines as the sun ;
There God himself gives light.

There lust and lucre cannot dwell ;
There envy bears no sway :
There is no hunger, heat, nor cold,
But pleasure every way.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant I once may see,
The endless joys, and of the same
Partaker ay may be !

Thy walls are made of precious
stones,
Thy bulwarks diamond square ;
Thy gates are of right orient pearl ;
Exceeding rich and rare ;

Thy turrets and thy pinnacles
With carbuncles do shine ;
The very streets are paved with gold,
Surpassing clear and fine.

Thy houses are of ivory,
Thy windows crystal clear ;
Thy tiles are made of beaten gold—
O God that I were there !

Within thy gates no thing doth come
That is not passing clean,
No spider's web, no dirt, no dust,
No filth may there be seen.

Ah, my sweet home, Jerusalem,
Would God I were in thee !
Would God my woes were at an end,
Thy joys that I might see !

Thy Saints are crowned with glory
great ;
They see God face to face ;
They triumph still, they still rejoice ;
Most happy is their case.

We that are here in banishment,
Continually do mourn ;
We sigh and sob, we weep and wail,
Perpetually we groan.

Our sweet is mixed with bitter gall,
Our pleasure is but pain,
Our joys scarce last the looking on,
Our sorrows still remain.

But there they live in such delight,
Such pleasure and such play,
As that to them a thousand years
Doth seem as yesterday.

Thy vineyards and thy orchards are
Most beautiful and fair,
Full furnished with trees and fruits,
Most wonderful and rare.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green ;
There grow such sweet and pleasant
flowers

As nowhere else are seen.
There's nectar and ambrosia made,
There's musk and civet sweet ;
There many a fair and dainty drug
Is trodden under feet.

There cinnamon, there sugar grows,
There nard and balm abound ;
What tongue can tell, or heart
conceive,

The joys that there are found !
Quite through the streets with silver
sound

The flood of life doth flow,
Upon whose banks on every side
The wood of life doth grow.

There trees for evermore bear fruit,
And evermore do spring ;
There evermore the Angels sit,
And evermore do sing ;

There David stands with harp in
hand

As master of the choir :
Ten thousand times that man were
blest

That might this music hear.
Our Lady sings Magnificat
With tune surpassing sweet ;
And all the Virgins bear their parts,
Sitting about her feet.

Te Deum doth Saint Ambrose sing,
Saint Austin doth the like ;
Old Simeon and Zachary
Have not their songs to seek.

There Magdalene hath left her moan,
And cheerfully doth sing
With blessed Saints, whose harmony
In every street doth ring.

Jerusalem, my happy home,
Would God I were in thee !
Would God my woes were at an end
Thy joys that I might see ! Amen.

On arrival at the House, the Choir and Clergy will form up on the steps leading to the front door, allowing space for the Bishop and those with him to pass between them.

Standing before the front door, the Bishop shall say :

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Peace be unto this house.

Answer : And all who shall dwell therein.

The Bishop of Winchester, the visiting Bishops, the Chaplain, the Head Deaconess and Resident Deaconesses of the House, the other Head Deaconesses, and the members of the Provincial Council for Deaconesses shall then enter. The Bishop passing through the vestry into the Sanctuary, and the Head Deaconesses and others entering the Chapel by the west door, the congregation will assemble outside the Chapel and (the windows being open) will follow the service

Then shall the following be sung. (E.H. 422).

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat ;
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.
For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind ;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.
Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew ;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.
Here may we prove the power of prayer,
To strengthen faith and sweeten care ;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.
Lord, we are few, but thou art near ;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear ;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own ! Amen.

Then the Bishop standing at the Altar shall say :

Our help is in the name of the Lord :

Answer : Who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop : Blessed be the name of the Lord :

Answer : Henceforth, world without end.

Bishop : The Lord be with you :

Answer : And with thy spirit.

Bishop : Let us pray.

O God, who hallowest places dedicated to thy Name, sanctify and bless, we beseech thee, this House of Prayer, that all who shall call upon thee here may know the help of thy gracious mercy and protection ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lift up your hearts.

Answer : We lift them up unto the Lord.

Bishop : Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer : It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Bishop turn towards the Altar, and shall say :

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God : Who, in the fulness of the time, by the living Sacrifice and One Offering of the Eternal Son of thy love, taking the common things of earth to make them rich with heavenly blessings, hast, by his own sacred institution, ordained the holy Mysteries of the new Covenant in his Blood, for a continual memorial of him, and for a thankful remembrance of the benefits of his redeeming love :

And, after his ascending up on high, hast manifested in the Church thy gracious purpose to draw all men unto him, and to sanctify unto thyself out of all people a great company which no man can number ; that all nations worshipping in every place might be gathered together in him who is the author and finisher of our faith :

Look graciously, O our Father, from the throne of thy glory upon thy servants who shall here meet together in his Name : and, by the grace of thy holy and life-giving Spirit, bless, we beseech thee, and sanctify for us this Table, to be to us the throne of thy heavenly grace : that here, also, from this day and henceforward, true, spiritual, and acceptable sacrifice and service may be offered unto thee in righteousness : that here thy blessed Son may be made known by the breaking of the bread, and his Presence be thankfully acknowledged by faithful hearts :

Through the same thy only-begotten Son, in whom thou art well pleased, and with whom thou dost freely give us all things. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop shall say :

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee of thy merciful goodness to accept these Gifts which we make for the service of this Sanctuary and the adornment of this Chapel ; and grant that all who assemble here may worship thee in spirit and in truth, and may ever adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Turning to the people the Bishop shall pronounce this Dedication ;

Forasmuch as we do not doubt but that Almighty God approveth this charitable work of ours in having provided and furnished this House of Prayer which we now set apart to His glory ; We, therefore, on behalf of his Church and people, dedicate this Chapel, to the honour and glory of the holy and eternal Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop, taking the Head Deaconess of the House by the hand, shall place her in her stall, thus saying :

The Dedication being now completed, I do place thee in the Stall of Head Deaconess of this House ; and may the blessing of God be upon thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in this thy duty and charge.

Then the Bishop, passing through the West Door, and followed by those with him, shall be conducted to the Dining Room.

IN THE DINING ROOM.

Bishop. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord.

Answer. And thou givest them their meat in due season.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in thy loving bounty nourishest thy servants and sustainest them ; We beseech thee that of thy great goodness thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless this room ; and to grant unto thy servants that they may receive their meat and drink with thanksgiving ; and at length, through the pardoning mercy of our Saviour, be counted worthy to sit down at thy table in thy kingdom ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop shall be conducted into the Kitchen, those with him remaining in the Dining Room.

IN THE KITCHEN.

Bishop : Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily.

Answer : As unto the Lord, and not unto men.

Bishop : Let us pray.

O Eternal God, before whose face the angels serve, and by whose will all things are governed ; sanctify, we pray thee, this Kitchen by thy blessing, so that thy servants may praise thee who givest food to all flesh, thou Saviour of all men ; who livest and reignest one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Bishop shall then be conducted to the Quiet Room, the Head Deaconesses and others following him up the stairs shall turn to the left and remain standing in the passage.

IN THE ROOM OF QUIET.

Bishop : My soul wait thou only upon God.

Answer : For my expectation is from Him.

Bishop : Let us pray.

O Lord, who in thy Holy Word hast taught us that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength ; grant that here thy servants may find peace and refreshment in thy presence ; and, giving themselves to the contemplation of holy things may be renewed in heart and mind for thy service ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop, standing at the head of the stairs, shall say :

Bishop : I will lay me down in peace and take my rest.

Answer : For it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

Bishop : Let us pray.

O Lord God, the keeper of Israel, Who neither slumberest nor sleepest ; Visit with thy blessing, we beseech thee, the Bedrooms of this house, and drive far from them all the snares and assaults of the enemy. And guard thy servants in waking and in sleeping ; that they may watch with Christ and be refreshed with healthful sleep, and each day serve thee in all good works, to the glory of thy Name ; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop, conducted by the Head Deaconess and Resident Deaconesses of the House, shall then go down stairs to the Common Room, those with him remaining in the Hall.

IN THE COMMON ROOM.

Bishop : Behold how good and joyful a thing it is

Answer : To dwell together in unity.

Bishop : Let us pray.

Eternal Father, Who didst suffer Thy Blessed Son to rejoice in the home at Bethany, and didst thereby sanctify for us the life of fellowship : Grant that in this room, in rest and recreation, in thought and conversation, His holy Presence may ever be remembered ; that being united in Him Thy servants may be one family here on earth and hereafter live with Him in Heaven ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost reigneth God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

After which those with the Bishop shall pass out of the House, and the Bishop following them shall stand at the top of the steps in the midst of the congregation and shall say :

Let all who use this Garden bring their recreation and their laughter to God our Saviour, for he has a delight therein. He makes the flowers to grow and clothes them with splendour for our delight. Let all those who look upon the distant hills and vales thank God for the beauty of the earth, and remember the land which is very far off, where we shall see the King in His glory, to which heavenly country He vouchsafe to bring us in His mercy. *Amen.*

The Bishop shall then pronounce the Benediction.

After the Benediction the Choir and Clergy shall return to the Vicarage.

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