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**A N T H E M ,**  
TO BE SUNG AT THE  
**CONSECRATION**

OF THE  
**New Church at Honiton,**

On *TUESDAY, 24th APRIL, 1838.*

Composed for the occasion, by

**KELLOW JOHN PYE, ESQ.**

I. KINGS, 8th Chap. 27, 28, and part 29, 30 Verses.

BUT will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold,  
the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee ;  
how much less this house that I have builded !

Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy ser-  
vant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken  
unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth  
before thee to-day :

And hear thou in heaven, and when thou hearest,  
forgive.

That thine eyes may be open toward this house night  
and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said,  
My name shall be there—

THE  
**FORM OF PRAYER**  
AND  
**CEREMONIES,**  
USED AT THE  
CONSECRATION  
OF  
**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,**  
**HONITON,**

April 24th, 1838.

**HONITON :**

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PREPARATIONS IN ORDER TO THE  
CONSECRATING OF A CHURCH.

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*The Church is to be Pewed and Furnished with a Reading Desk, Common Prayer, and Great Bible, and one or more Surplices; as also, with a Pulpit and Cushion, a Font, and a Communion Table, and with Linen and Vessels for the same.*

*The Endowment and the Evidences thereof are to be laid before the Bishop, or his Chancellor, some time before the day appointed, in order to the preparing of the Act or Sentence of Consecration against that Day. An intimation of the Bishop's intention to Consecrate the Church, with the Day and Hour appointed for it, is to be fixed on the Church Door at least three days before.*

*A Chair is to be set for the Bishop on the north side of the Communion Table within the Rails, and another for his Chancellor without the Rails, on the same side, a Chair also for the Bishop's Chaplain within the Rails opposite the Bishop.*

THE FORM, &c.

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ON the Day appointed, the Right Reverend the LORD BISHOP, attended by his Vicar General, and Official Principal, his Principal Registrar, Chaplain or Chaplains, and the Officiating Minister, preceded by the Mace-bearer, enter into the Church or Chapel by the West Door of the same, when the Bishop having put on his Episcopal Habit, and his Chaplains and the Officiating Minister, being habited in their Surplices, will return by the West Door into the Yard, in which place the Parishioners will wait for him. Then one of the Wardens, or other Person deputed for that purpose, in his own name, and in the name of the rest of the Parishioners, will offer unto the Bishop a Petition in writing, &c. addressing himself at the same time to the Bishop in the following words:

MY LORD,

I humbly desire in my own name, and in the name of the rest of the Parishioners of this Parish, that your Lordship would be pleased to proceed to Consecrate this new Church (or Chapel) and Burying Ground\* to the uses mentioned in this Petition, which I now offer and present to your Lordship.

*The Bishop accepting the Petition, will answer and consent, saying,*

I am ready to do as you desire, and beseech God to bless and prosper the good work we are going about.

*Then the Bishop and Clergy entering the Church or Chapel by the West Door, and proceeding up the middle thereof towards the East End, repeat alternately (the Bishop beginning) the 24th Psalm.*

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\* Burying Ground is to be omitted if none is to be consecrated.

**T**HE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

*For he hath founded it upon the Seas: and prepared it upon the Floods.*

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

*Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.*

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

*This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

*Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

*Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.*

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.*

¶ When the Bishop is seated, the Petition is to be read by the Registrar. Then the Bishop sitting in his

\* *If it be a Church or Chapel rebuilt, or if there be no new donation or endowments, this is to be omitted.*

chair, is to have the instrument or instruments of donation and endowment presented to him by the Founder,\* or some proper substitute, which he will lay on the Communion Table,

and then standing on the North side thereof, and turning to the Congregation will say,

**D**EARLY beloved in the Lord. Forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, or by express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected Houses for the Public Worship of God, and have separated them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service; which pious works our heavenly Father hath

vouchsafed to approve and accept, let us not doubt but he will also graciously approve this our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner to Religious Worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this undertaking, and say,

*The Bishop (kneeling) will say the Prayer following :*

**O** ETERNAL GOD, mighty in power, of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of Temples made with hands, and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatsoever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name to offer up their supplications and praises to thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to Consecrate this place with all humility and readiness of heart to the honor of thy great name, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it entirely to thy service, for reading therein thy most holy Word, for celebrating thy Holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of Prayer and Thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy name, and performing all other Holy Ordinances: ac-

cept O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness, both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*After this the Bishop standing up, and turning his face towards the Congregation, will say :*

**R**EGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this House by Baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living Member of Christ's Church, and may remain in the number of thy faithful and elect Children. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that they who in this place shall in their own persons, renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them, at their Baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of thy Holy Spirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in grace unto their lives end. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may

come to that Holy Ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that by thy Holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by thy Holy Spirit, grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives end. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near unto thee in this place, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul,

may do it with such stedfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thy infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for them: all which we beg for Jesus Christ his sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Bishop, sitting in his chair, the Vicar General and Official Principal, in the presence of the Principal Registrar, &c. is to read publicly (having been directed so to do by the Bishop) the sentence of Consecration.

¶ After the reading of which, the instrument of Consecration is signed by the Bishop, and ordered by him to be laid up in the Registry amongst the Muniments of the See, and to be registered.

¶ Then the officiating Minister reads the Morning Service for the Day.

*Proper Psalms, 84, 122, 132.*

*Proper Lessons. The first Lesson, 1st. Kings, viii. chap. v. 22 to 62.*

*The second Lesson, Hebrews, x. chap. v. 19 to 27.*

*After the Collect for the Day, the Minister who reads the Service stops till the Bishop hath said the following Prayer.*

**O** MOST blessed Saviour, who by thy gracious presence at the feast of dedication, didst approve and honour such religious services, as this which we are now performing unto thee, be present at this

time with us also by thy Holy Spirit ; and because holiness becometh thine house for ever, sanctify us, we pray thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee ; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us ; but that being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

*Then the Minister proceeds in the Service of the Day, to the end of the General Thanksgiving. After which the Bishop says the following Prayer.*

**BLESSED** be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of thy servants to erect this House to thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the work of their hands ; remember them concerning this ; wipe not out this kindness that they have shewed for the House of their God, and the Offices thereof ; and grant that all, who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister who officiates, is to go on with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Then a Psalm is sung, viz. xxvi. v. 6, 7, 8, with Gloria Patri.*

¶ Then the Bishop proceeds to the Communion Service, and after the Commandments, and one of the Collects for the Queen, instead of the Collect for the Day is to be used the following Collect :

**○** MOST glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee any thing belonging to us ; yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness, graciously to accept of the dedication of this place to thy Service, and to prosper this our undertaking ; receive the Prayers and Intercessions of us, and all other thy Servants who either now or hereafter entering into this house shall call upon thee ; and give both them and us grace to prepare our hearts to serve thee with Reverence and Godly fear. Affect us with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and with a deep sense of our own unworthiness ; that so approaching thy Sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts, pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, we may always perform a service acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ This is to be read by one of the Bishop's Chaplains.

*The Epistle, 2 Corinthians, vi. chap. v. 14 to 17.*

**B**E ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers : for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness ? and what communion hath light with darkness ? and what concord hath Christ with Belial ? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel ? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols ; for ye are the temples of the living God ; as God has said, I dwell in them, and walk in them : and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¶ And by another Chaplain if present.

*The Gospel, St. John, chap. ii. v. 13.*

**A**ND the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the Temple those that sold oxen and sheep, and doves, and the changers of money, sitting : and when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, and the sheep, and the oxen ; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables ; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence, make not my Father's House an house of merchandize.

¶ Then the Bishop reads the Nicene Creed, and Notice is given for the celebration of the Holy Communion

on the following Sunday ; after which the 100th Psalm is sung.

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## THE SERMON.

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¶ The Sermon being ended, the Bishop reads the Prayer for the Church Militant ; and immediately before the final blessing, says the following Prayer.

**B**LESSED be thy Name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth thee to have thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of Saints upon earth ; bless, we beseech, thee, the Religious Performance of this day ; and grant that in this place, now set apart to thy Service, thy Holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**T**HE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord : and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH-YARD,  
TOGETHER WITH A CHURCH.

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When the Service in the Church is finished, the Bishop, Clergy, and the People proceed into the Church-Yard; and the Bishop, standing in the place prepared for the performance of the office there, the act or sentence of Consecration is read by the Chancellor, and signed by the Bishop, and ordered to be registered.

*After which the Bishop says the following Prayer.*

**O** GOD, who has taught us in thy Holy Word, that there is a difference between the spirit of a beast, that goeth downward to the Earth, and the spirit of a Man, which ascendeth up to God, who gave it: and likewise by the example of thy holy servants in all ages, hast taught us to assign peculiar places, where the bodies of thy Saints may rest in peace, and be preserved from all indignities, whilst their souls are safely kept in the hands of their faithful Redeemer. — Accept, we beseech thee, this charitable work of ours, in separating this portion of ground to that good purpose; and give us grace, that by the frequent instances of mortality which we behold, we may learn and seriously consider, how frail and uncertain our condition here on Earth is, and so number our days, as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. That

in the midst of life thinking upon death, and daily preparing ourselves for the judgment that is to follow, we may have our part in the resurrection to eternal life, with him who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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

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CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH-YARD  
SINGLY.

The ordinary Service for the Day to be read at the Church, except where it is otherwise ordered.

*Psalms, xxxix, xc.*

*First Lesson, Gen. xxiii.*

*Second Lesson, St. John, v. v. 21. inclu. to v. 30, or*

*I. Thess. iv. v. 13, to the end.*

When the Service of the Church is over, the Bishop, Clergy, and Parishioners repair to the Ground which is to be consecrated, and the Bishop, standing in the place prepared for the performance of the Office, says,

**T**HE glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy work.



Then the Petition and Instrument of Donation are presented to the Bishop; and the former is read by the Registrar.

Next the Act or Sentence of Consecration is read by the Chancellor, and signed by the Bishop, and ordered to be registered.

The Bishop reads the Prayer that is before directed to be used in a Church-Yard which is consecrated together with a Church.

Then is sung part of the 39th Psalm, viz. v. 5, 6, 7, and 8.

After which the Bishop lets them depart with the Blessing,

**T**HE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

All People that on Earth do dwell  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Asimewer with the Organ  
His Praise forth tell  
Come ye before him & 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 Land & bless his name alway  
For it is seemly so to do!

For why the Lord our God is great  
His Mercy is for ever sure  
His Truth at all times firmly  
and shall from age to age <sup>stood</sup> endure