

# Church of St. Paul the Apostle

Doniton



## Dedication of the Bells

by the

Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Crediton

On Thursday, 8th December, 1949

at 3.0 p.m.

R. T. Bowden  
B. W. M. Taylor

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Churchwardens

A. Jane De Salis, Rector

# Order of Service

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN *A. M. 242.*

We love the place, O God,  
Wherein Thine honour dwells ;  
The joy of Thine abode  
All earthly joy excels.

We love 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 ;  
O, 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 O, we long to know  
The triumph song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace  
On earth to love Thee more,  
In heaven to see Thy face,  
And with Thy Saints adore.

### OPENING SENTENCES :

God is Spirit : and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

God is light : if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

God is love : everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God : and we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.

Brethren, forasmuch as devout and holy men, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or by their own reason and sense of order and decency, have erected houses for prayer, separating them from all profane and common uses, and placing in them Bells whereby the faithful are called to prayer and the public worship of Almighty God ; let us humbly approach our Heavenly Father, devoutly entreating His blessing on these Bells and Chimes, that they may ring out to His glory and in His service ; and upon us who are present at this hallowing, that in our lives we may also show forth His praise.

### LET US PRAY

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people ; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified ; receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prevent 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.

Festival

OUR FATHER . . .

- V. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's name be praised.

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Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven ;  
 To His feet thy tribute bring.  
 Ransom'd, heal'd, restored, forgiven,  
 Ever more His praises sing,  
 Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
 Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
 To our fathers in distress ;  
 Praise Him still the same as ever,  
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
 Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
 Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us ;  
 Well our feeble frame He knows ;  
 In His hands He gently bears us,  
 Rescues us from all our foes,  
 Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
 Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him ;  
 Ye behold Him face to face ;  
 Saints triumphant bow before Him ;  
 Gather'd in from every race ;  
 Alleluia ! Alleluia !  
 Praise with us the God of grace.

*During the singing of the Hymn the Choir and Clergy shall accompany the Bishop to the West Door. At the close of the Hymn one of the Churchwardens shall present the Ropes to the Bishop, and shall say :*

Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate these Bells to the glory and praise of God.

*The congregation remaining standing, the Bishop shall then dedicate the Bells.*

Be present, O merciful God, that what is performed by our humble ministrations may be fulfilled by thine effectual power ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we beseech thee to accept this offering at our hands ; Bless, sanctify and hallow these Bells, and grant that they may call together thy faithful people to praise and worship thy holy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the faith of Jesus Christ we now bless, sanctify and hallow, and for ever set apart from all profane and common use, these Bells and Chimes. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Bishop handing the Ropes to the Rector shall say :*

Receive these Bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this Church, and take care that they may be ever and only used in God's service and for his glory.

*Then shall Rounds be rung on the Bells while the Clergy return to their places, and a Collection made for the Bell Fund.*

### LET US PRAY

Grant, O Lord, that all they who shall ring these Bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and may be counted worthy to stand with those who praise thee in the heavenly Jerusalem ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these Bells to thine House of Prayer may enter into thy gates with thanksgiving and into thy courts with praise, and finally may sing the song of the redeemed in the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever by reason of sickness or any other need may be hindered from coming unto the House of the Lord may by the sound of these Bells be reminded of the prayers of thy Church and rejoice in the Communion of Saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### HYMN *June 76 A. & M.*

Lifted gently to the steeple,  
Let our bells be set on high ;  
There fulfil their sacred mission  
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

As the birds sing early matins  
To the God of Nature's praise ;  
These their ring of changing music  
To the God of grace shall raise.

Christian men shall hear at distance,  
In their toil or in their rest ;  
Joying that in one communion  
Of one Church they too are blest.

Christ, to Thee, the world's salvation  
Father, Spirit unto Thee  
Low we bend in adoration,  
Ever blessed One in Three.

### SERMON

## HYMN

*1st. tune of 604.*

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.

The 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 stored ;  
 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."

## THE BLESSING

## THE BELLS

The six ancient Bells have been re-tuned, and two new Bells constructed by John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough.

The notes, dates and weights of the peal are :

Treble	-	F sharp	-	1949	-	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.
2nd	-	E sharp	-	1949	-	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ „
3rd	-	D sharp	-	1780	-	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ „
4th	-	C sharp	-	1780	-	5 $\frac{1}{4}$ „
5th	-	<del>B sharp</del>	-	1780	-	6 „
6th	-	A sharp	}	Destroyed by fire in 1765		6 $\frac{1}{2}$ „
7th	-	G sharp		Re-instated in 1780		8 „
Tenor	-	F sharp	}	Destroyed by fire in 1765		12 $\frac{3}{4}$ „
				Re-instated in 1769		