

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY
OF ELY



THE ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR THE
LAYING-UP OF THE STANDARD
OF
No 214 SQUADRON
ROYAL AIR FORCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1977

AT 2.30 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Commanding Officer will be met at the West Door of the Cathedral and conducted to his place by the Dean. During the entrance of the Clergy the congregation will stand as the Choir and Clergy take their places.

When the Bishop has taken his place there shall be sounded a Fanfare of Trumpets. At the entrance of the Squadron Standard, to the Accompaniment of the Royal Air Force March, the Commanding Officer No 214 Squadron will move to the centre of the Altar rails facing the Dean of the Cathedral.

*On the arrival of the Standard Party at the Altar rails
the Dean shall say :*

It is an ancient and laudible custom to lay up in the House of God the consecrated emblems of Man's duty and service, there to remain for all time as a reminder of a duty well done and of the strength that God supplies.

*The Officer Commanding No 214 Squadron Royal Air Force
shall then take the Standard and turning about shall say :*

Mr Dean I ask you to receive this Standard of No 214 Squadron of the Royal Air Force for safe lodging in this House of God until such time as it pass to dust like those whose courage and devotion are enshrined in its history.

And the Dean of the Cathedral shall reply :

We receive this Standard into the safe keeping of God's house, here to hang for all time as a reminder to those who pass by of Man's duty to God, to his Sovereign and to his Country.

The Standard will then be laid upon the Altar

The Dean shall then say :

Almighty and Everlasting God, giver of all strength and grace, and Captain of our Salvation, we offer in this Thy House, these symbols of Man's faithfulness. May Thy Blessing rest upon those who have borne them and may they ever remain as signs of that unity which springs from the acceptance of Thy grace, who art with the Son and Holy Ghost One God, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung :

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM verses 1 & 3

God save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On she be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

The National Anthem ended, the Standard party, Squadron Commander and the Dean of the Cathedral return to their places.

And then shall be sung :

HYMN (EH) 407

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only
wise
In light inaccessible hid from our
eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent
as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both
great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life
of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves
on the tree;
And wither and perish—but nought
changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure
Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all
veiling their sight;
All laud we would render : O help
us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light
hideth thee.

Congregation to be seated

THE FIRST LESSON

ECCLESIASTES 3, VERSES 1 - 15

read by :

Squadron Leader G W Moffatt RAF

Officer Commanding No 214 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Then shall be sung by the Cathedral Choir :

“HOW LOVELY ARE THY DWELLINGS FAIR”—Brahms

THE SECOND LESSON
ST. MATTHEW 5, VERSES 1 - 12

read by :
Group Captain D Parry-Evans RAF
Officer Commanding Royal Air Force Marham

HYMN (EH)

all stand

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Sion, city of our God! He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode : On the Rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.	See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove; Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord the Giver, Never fails from age to age.
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Saviour, if of Sion's City
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name :
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

THE PRAYERS

All kneel

The Precentor : Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray for the peace of the world :

Almighty God, from Whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle we pray Thee in the hearts of all men the true love of peace; and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Thy Kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of Thy Love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who suffer :

O God, Who has promised that they who wait upon Thee shall renew their strength, we commend unto Thee all who suffer through war and strife; the wounded, the sick, and the prisoners; the homeless, the hungry, and the oppressed; the anxious, the frightened, and the bereaved. Strengthen them, O Lord, with Thy Holy Spirit and give them friends to help them in their need. We ask it in His name, Who bore for us the agony of the Cross, Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for the Royal Air Force :

Almighty God Whose love enfolds us both in life and death, we pray for all members of the Royal Air Force, that Thou wouldst keep them always loyal in Thy service. In danger make them calm, in conflict bold, in reverse undaunted, in victory free from pride. Give to the whole world peace and good will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our Governor, who hast given men dominion over air, earth and sea, we beseech Thee to look upon Thy servants who are called to serve their country in the air; give them courage, a steady nerve, and a ready mind; be with them in all times of peril; and make them know thy power to save them from all evil, whether in life or in death. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GRACE

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

HYMN (EH) 470

All stand

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise my Soul the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored
forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing.
Praise him, Praise him,
Praise him, Praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and
favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him, Praise him,
Praise him, Praise him,
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.
Praise him, Praise him,
Praise him, Praise him,
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before
him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, Praise him,
Praise him, Praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Congregation to be seated

THE SERMON

Preacher : *The Bishop*

HYMN (EH) 492

All stand

To AIRMEN—tune *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

Lord of the worlds, unseen
or seen,
Whose eyes behold all things
that are,
Who rulest earth and sea and air
And guid'st the course of every
star,
Look pitying from thy throne, nor
cease
To draw the nations to thy peace.

And if, at duty's trumpet call,
Our manhood now be summoned
hence
To battle for the right, the just,
O shield them by thy providence.
How confident are those that
stand
Beneath the shelter of thy hand!

To all who, spurning earthly joys,
Seek undismayed the trackless
way
High in the wide expanse of
Heaven,
Be thou their help, by night and
day;
Through fire, through cloud,
o'er land, o'er wave,
Still be thy presence strong to save.

But should, O God, thy
sovrain will
Allow the final sacrifice,
To thee their lives are dedicate:
Not theirs to falter at the price.
O Lord of earth and sea and air,
For those in peril hear our
prayer.

Not given in vain, these gallant
lives!
The silent passing of the years
Shall touch them not, who fought—
and fell:
They ask no tribute of our tears.
O loyal hearts, from death set free!
Not lost, but living unto thee.

*During which the Standard will be taken from the Altar by the Dean,
given to the Standard Party and placed in position at the
Royal Air Force Memorial.*

Trumpets to play Last Post and Reveillé

All kneel

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

By The Bishop

The congregation are asked to remain in their places until the Dean has conducted the Commanding Officer to the West Door of the Cathedral.

A collection will be taken for the Restoration Fund as the congregation leave the Cathedral.