

FORM OF SERVICE

AT THE

CONSECRATION

OF

ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

PORT ST. MARY,

ON

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FORM OF SERVICE.

¶ *When the Bishop and Clergy (of which two at least) have entered the Chapel in their Habits, as they walk up from the main door to the Lord's Table, they shall repeat Psalm xxiv., the Bishop beginning.*

PSALM XXIV.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is ;
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. *For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.*

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

4. *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.*

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

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

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

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

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

10. *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 they are come to the Lord's Table, the Bishop sitting in his Chair, the Petition of the Vicar for the consecration of the Chapel shall be presented to him, which he shall cause his Vicar-General, Registrar, or other Officer deputed to read. Then the Bishop shall lay it on the table ; and standing on the North side, shall turn to the congregation and say,*

DEARLY 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 the 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 separated them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious

Majesty, and to effect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service, which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father: Let us not doubt but that He will also approve this our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner to the performance of the several offices of our religious worship; and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking, and say,

¶ *The Bishop kneeling.*

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, of Majesty incomprehensibie, 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 special presence in whatever place even two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name, to offer up their supplications and their praises unto Thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to consecrate this place, with great humility and readiness of heart, to the honour of Thy great Name, separating it henceforward 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 sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving; for blessing

Thy people in Thy name ; and performing all other Holy ordinances. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to Thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *The Bishop standing up.*

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants ; and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to Thee, in this Thy house, by Baptism, may be washed and sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from Thy wrath, received into the ark of Christ's Church, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who in this place shall in their own person undertake to renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their Baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may continue Thine for ever ; and, being preserved in the unity of Thy Church, may daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to Thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ Thy Son may come to that Holy ordinance with a true penitent heart, lively faith,

and perfect charity ; 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.*

GRANT, O Lord, that by Thy Holy Word, which shall be read and preached within this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have grace and power to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

GRANT, O God, Thou who art the Lord of life and death, of health and sickness, that such as are sick, afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate, and shall desire the prayers of the congregation which shall assemble *in this place*, that thou wilt be pleased in mercy to hear the prayers of Thy servants for all such, granting them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all who enter into this place may seriously consider that this is the *House of God*, a House of Prayer and of Divine Worship, and that they may behave themselves in this place with great reverence, devotion, and humility both of body and mind. And this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake. *Amen.*

FINALLY, we beseech Thee, O God, grant that whosoever shall draw near unto Thee *in this place*, to confess their sins unto Thee, to give Thee thanks for Thy great benefits, to set forth Thy most worthy praise, to hear Thy most Holy Word, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul, may do it with that steadiness of faith, that seriousness of attention, and devout affection of mind, that Thou mayest accept their bounded duty and service, and vouchsafe unto them whatever else in Thine infinite mercy Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them.—And this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house—Ps. xxvi. 8.

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

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

We love Thy feast, O Lord,
Where Thou, the living Bread,
By faithful hearts adored,
Our fainting souls dost feed.

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 heaven.

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

¶ USUAL MORNING PRAYERS.

¶ PROPER PSALMS—lxxxiv., cxxii., cxxxii.

¶ FIRST LESSON—1 Kings, chap. viii, from ver. 22 to 62.

¶ SECOND LESSON—Heb., chap. x., from ver. 19 to 26.

¶ AFTER THE THIRD COLLECT.

GREAT Shepherd, of Thy people, here, Thy presence now display ;
 As Thou hast given a place for prayer, So give us hearts to pray.

With these walls let holy peace And love and concord dwell :
 Here give the troubled conscience ease, The wounded spirit heal.

May we in faith receive Thy Word, In faith present our prayers ;
 And in the presence of our Lord Unbosom all our cares.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye, The contrite heart bestow ;
 And shine upon us from on high, That we in grace may grow. Amen.

¶ *After THE GRACE OF OUR LORD, the Instrument or Act of Consecration shall be read by the Vicar-General, Registrar, or other Officer, and signed by the Bishop.*

Christ is our Corner-stone,
 On Him alone we build ;
 With His true saints alone
 The Courts of heaven are fill'd ;
 On His great love
 Our hopes we place
 Of present grace
 And joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
 These hallow'd courts shall ring ;
 Our voices we will raise
 The Three in One to sing ;
 And thus proclaim
 In joyful song
 Both loud and long
 That glorious Name.

Here, gracious God do Thou
 For evermore draw nigh ;
 Accept each faithful vow,
 And mark each suppliant sigh ;
 In copious shower
 On all who pray
 Each holy day
 Thy blessing pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
 The grace which we implore ;
 And may that grace, once given,
 Be with us evermore,
 Until that day
 When all the blest
 To endless rest
 Are called away.

SERMON.—BY THE LORD BISHOP.

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 servants 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,