



THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE
LAYING OF THE
FOUNDATION-STONE

OF

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH,
SUDDEN,

BY BEATRICE, LADY ROCHDALE,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th (ST. LUKE'S DAY), 1913.

Inscription on the Stone:--

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THIS STONE WAS PLACED
BY BEATRICE, LADY ROCHDALE,
SAINT LUKE'S DAY, A.D. 1913.



"THY KINGDOM COME"

The Order of Service.

*The Clergy, Choir, Congregation, and Scholars will
assemble at Sudden Mission Room at 2-30, and proceed
at 2-40 by way of Manchester Road, Bolton Road, and
Bishop Street to the CHURCH-SITE, and when all
have taken their places, the following Hymn
shall be sung:--*

THE Church's one foundation
Is JESUS CHRIST her LORD;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride:
With His own Blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One LORD, one Faith, one Birth,
One Holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one Holy Food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

Mid toil, and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With GOD the THREE in ONE,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy!
LORD, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. Amen.

Then the Minister shall say :

Our help is in the Name of the Lord :

Answer. Who hath made Heaven and Earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord :

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

Shew Thy servants Thy work :

Answer. And their children Thy glory.

Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us :

Answer. O prosper Thou our handywork.

Lord, hear our prayer :

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

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.

Praise ye the Lord :

Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be sung this Psalm following :

Psalm cxxii.

3 WAS glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.

4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5. For there is the seat of judgment: even the seat of the house of David.

6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.

9. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek to do thee good.

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.

Then shall be said :—

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER . . . for ever and ever. Amen.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST.

The Collect.

Almighty GOD, Who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul; May it please Thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TWO AND TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Collect.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall be said by the members present of the Church
Lads' Brigade, the Brigade Prayer:*

Grant, O GOD, that we, Thy sons, may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON THE WORK.

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.

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

O Eternal and All-Loving GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look, we beseech Thee, with Thy favour upon us Thy children assembled here in His Name, and grant that this Stone, now to be laid as a Stone of Remembrance, may ever direct our thoughts to the glory of Thy holy Name, which Thou hast made known to us in Thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*While the Stone is being prepared, the following
Hymn shall be sung:—*

☉ THOU, in Whom alone is found
The strength by which our work is blest,
Upon this dedicated ground
Now bid Thy cloud of glory rest.

When here Thy flock, from earth apart,
Shall seek the truth from heaven that sprung,
Fill with Thy Spirit every heart,
With living fire touch every tongue.

In Thy great Name we place this Stone:
To Thy great Love these walls we rear;
Long may they make Thy glory known,
Our only SAVIOUR triumph here.

Praise GOD from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*After which the Trowel and Mallet shall be presented to
Lady Rochdale, who shall lay the Stone, and then say:*

In the faith of Jesus Christ, I declare this Stone
to be well and truly laid; in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty GOD, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; 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.

O Almighty GOD, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Who art the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee to protect and succour all who are engaged in the building of this Church; that the work which, through Thy mercy, hath now been begun, may by Thy blessing upon their labour be brought to a happy end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God Almighty, Who art the Author and Inspirer of every loving work, stir in our hearts such a love of Thy Name that we may freely offer for the completion of this work begun. We give Thee hearty thanks for our friends and benefactors, and for all through whose prayers and offerings these walls are now arising. Remember this to them, O Lord, for good. Bless them in their going out and coming in, in soul and mind, in body and estate. Fill their life with Thy Divine Peace, and stablish them continually in Faith, and Hope, and Love. Sanctify all their joys: sustain them in every time of difficulty and pain; be with them in the hour of death, and in the Day of Judgment, and grant them to inherit Thy everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall follow a short Address, after which the Offerings of the People shall be received; all those who will, passing in procession and laying their gifts upon the Stone, while the following Hymns are sung:—

CHRIST is our corner stone,
On Him alone we build:
With His true Saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled:
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise
These hallowed 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 blessings 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. *Amen.*

○ GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure:
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art GOD,
To endless years the Same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

After which shall be said :

Almighty and everliving GOD, we humbly beseech
Thee most mercifully to accept and sanctify these our
gifts, and to receive these our prayers, for Jesus
Christ's sake. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING.