



## The Rededication

of

the Parish Church of

St. Helen's, Escrick,

by

His Grace The Archbishop of York

(The Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon Lang, D.D.)

on the Feast of the Annunciation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary,

WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1925,

at 3 p.m.

## Order of Service.



*The Archbishop, holding in his hand the Pastoral Staff, will knock three times at the closed door, saying:*

Open ye the gates.

*The door of the Church will then be opened and the Archbishop and Clergy shall enter. When all have entered the Archbishop shall say:*

Peace be to this House—from God our Heavenly Father.  
Amen.

Peace be to this House—from Christ who is our Peace.  
Amen.

Peace be to this House—from the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Amen.

*Then shall the Rector say:*

Most Reverend Father in God, it was your pleasure to grant to the Rector and Churchwardens of this ancient Church of St. Helen's, Escrick, and to the parishioners of the said Parish, permission to restore the Church which, with its principal contents, was destroyed by fire on the 5th February, 1923. The Church has now been restored and refurnished to the best of our power, and we, therefore, pray you to rededicate the same for Divine Worship.

*The Archbishop shall signify his willingness to proceed to the rededication.*

*Here shall follow the Hymn:*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him, and 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, laud, and bless His Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom Heav'n and earth adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*During the singing of this Hymn, the Choir, Clergy and Archbishop shall proceed to the Chancel.*

*Then the Archbishop, standing at the Altar and turning to the people, shall say:*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or by the express command of God, or by their own good will, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all profane and common uses; which godly practice

advanceth the honour of God's Holy Name, and quickeneth the devotion of His people; let us not doubt that our Heavenly Father will also graciously approve our godly purpose of rededicating this place for the offices of religious worship; and let us faithfully and devoutly pray for His blessing on this our undertaking.

*Then shall the Archbishop say, the people all kneeling:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which 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 them 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.

*Then let him say:*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
*Answer.* Who hath made heaven and earth.  
*Archbishop.* Blessed be the Name of the Lord.  
*Answer.* Henceforth world without end.  
*Archbishop.* Lord, hear our prayer.  
*Answer.* And let our cry come unto Thee.  
*Archbishop.* Let us pray.

O Eternal God, mighty in power, in majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; yet who hast promised Thine especial Presence in whatsoever place Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name, to offer up their supplications and their praises to Thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to be present with us who are

now gathered together to rededicate this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to Thy honour and glory. Bless, we pray Thee, our humble desire to separate it afresh from all unhallowed or common uses; for celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ; for offering to Thy glorious Majesty the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving; for teaching and blessing Thy people in Thy Name; and for other holy ordinances and ministrations of Thy Church. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and favour it with such success as may tend to Thy glory, and the salvation of Thy people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

*Then, all standing up, the Archbishop with certain of the Clergy shall proceed to the further end of the Church while the following Psalm is sung.*

PSALM XXIV.

*Domini est terra.*

The 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.

*The Psalm being ended, the Archbishop, standing by the Font, shall pray as follows, the people still standing:*

Grant, O Lord, that all they who shall confess their sins, and offer up their prayers and praises unto Thy divine majesty in this place, may draw near unto Thee with such stedfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, sincerity and devout affection of mind, that they may be graciously accepted in Thy sight. O Lord, pardon their sins, have pity on their infirmities, enlighten and sanctify them by Thy Holy Spirit, so to serve and worship Thee here below, that finally they may be received into Thy presence in heaven, to praise and glorify Thee for evermore. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

*Then shall they proceed to the Tower, while the following verses are sung:*

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 to sing below  
For mercies freely given;  
But, oh, 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.

*Then shall the Archbishop dedicate the Tower Screen, the Clock and Bells, as follows:*

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Screen, together with the Clock and Bells, to the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who dost fill Thy servants with Thy Spirit to work in all manner of workmanship, be pleased to accept our offering of these gifts, the work of our hands, and bless, hallow and sanctify them for our use, and grant that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these Bells to Thy House of Prayer may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving and into Thy courts with praise.

Grant, O Lord, that all who by reason of sickness or other necessity shall be hindered from coming into the House of the Lord, may, by these Bells, be reminded of the prayers of Thy Church, and rejoice in the Communion of Saints.

Grant, O Lord, that all who shall ring these Bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and so be counted worthy to stand with those who praise Thee evermore in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Grant, O Lord, that all they for whose passing away from this world these Bells shall sound, may be received into the Paradise of Thine elect, and find peace and light and rest eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall they proceed to the Pulpit, which the Archbishop shall dedicate as follows:*

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Pulpit to the Glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who dost enlighten the minds of Thy servants with the knowledge of Thy truth; give, we beseech Thee, to those who shall teach in this pulpit the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, that they may speak those things that belong unto eternal life, and grant that Thy people, taught in Thy ways, may so take heed what they hear, that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Archbishop, standing in the Chancel, shall dedicate the Organ and Choir Stalls as follows:*

#### DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN.

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Organ to the glory of God and in memory of His servant, Beilby, Baron Wenlock, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who in the days of old didst appoint instruments of music, to praise Thee because Thy mercy endureth for ever. Vouchsafe to receive at our hands this Organ which we dedicate unto Thy service, and grant that by the reverent and holy use of the same, Thy praise may now and ever be set forth in Thy Church, and Thy service be fulfilled in the beauty of holiness for Thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### DEDICATION OF THE CHOIR STALLS.

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these Choir Stalls to the glory of God and in memory of His servants, George and Mary Jane Whitehead, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that all who in these Stalls shall minister to Thee may ever be mindful of the dignity of the office to which they are called, and that their prayers and praises may lead Thy people to the throne of grace, and be joined to the perpetual intercession of our great High Priest and Advocate with Thee, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall the Archbishop dedicate the East Windows as follows :*

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these windows to the glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, the entrance of whose Word giveth light; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee to accept these offerings at our hands, for the adornment of Thy House of Prayer, and to consecrate this our gift to Thy glory and ourselves to Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

#### DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR.

*Then the people kneeling, the Archbishop standing before the Altar shall say :*

O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me.

*Answer.* And bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling.

*Archbishop.* I will go unto the Altar of God.

*Answer.* Even the God of my joy and gladness.

*Archbishop.* I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord.

*Answer.* And so will I go to Thine Altar.

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, who in an infinite mercy to mankind didst send Thine only Son to be a Sacrifice for our sins and to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Holy Sacrament of

His body and blood; accept, we beseech Thee, the dedication of this Altar for the celebration of these Holy Mysteries, in union with His eternal Priesthood, and according to His commandment. And grant that all they who shall receive the pledges of His love may evermore dwell in Him and He in them, and so be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For all other gifts.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee of Thy merciful goodness to accept these other offerings that we make, not of our own but of Thine, for all things come of Thee and of Thine own do we give Thee; and grant that all these gifts, which neither art nor costliness can make meet for Thy service, may ever be hallowed by Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall the Archbishop say :*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants to restore and furnish this house to Thy honour and worship; Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the work of their hands. And grant, we beseech Thee, that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness by using it aright, to the glory of Thy blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall the Archbishop summon the people to give thanks for the restoration of their Parish Church in the words of the*

#### GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that

our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Then shall be sung the following Hymn:*

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransom'd, heal'd, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing;  
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 as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
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!  
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;  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

*Then shall the Archbishop speak to the people, after which the following Hymn shall be sung, during which a collection shall be made on behalf of the Restoration Fund, and humbly presented on the Altar:*

Christ is our corner-stone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true Saints alone  
The courts of Heav'n are fill'd;  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

Oh, 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 blessings pour.

Here may we gain from Heav'n  
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 call'd away. Amen.

*Then shall the Archbishop say:*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the Saints upon earth. Bless, we beseech Thee, the religious solemnity of this day; and grant that in this place, now restored for Thy service, Thy Holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING.

RECESSIONAL HYMN.

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart, and hands, and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In Whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath bless'd us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplex'd,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him Who reigns  
With Them in highest Heaven,  
The One Eternal God,  
Whom earth and Heav'n adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.