

Hymn

During the singing of this hymn the offerings of the people are collected, brought up to the altar, and presented before God

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond L. Budry, 1854-1932; tr. Richard Hoyle 1875-1939

¶ Conclusion

Blessing

The Lord bless *you* and watch over *you*,
the Lord make his face shine upon *you* and be gracious to *you*,
the Lord look kindly on *you* and give *you* peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

All Amen.

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Bell Ringing Celebration Service

25 April 2009 • St Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath

¶ Preparation

Hymn

- 1 O God, Who madest time and space
And needest not a dwelling place,
Yet for the need of Christian lands
Dost hallow temples made with hands:
- 2 Grant to us ringers, one and all,
Whom to Thy service Thou dost call,
That with the grace that comes from Thee,
We may Thy faithful servants be.
- 3 And grant, O Lord, the Ringers' call
On heedful ears may ever fall,
That, with the faithful in each place,
We too may kneel to seek Thy grace.
- 4 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honour, might and glory be
From age to age eternally.

author unknown

Tunes: Melcome; Truro

The Greeting

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

*All as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.*

Praise the Lord.

All The Lord's name be praised.

cf Psalm 51.15; 70.1

6 As Summer's halcyon days roll on,
We honour God in sound and song
Come morning mists and evening dew
Our lives we dedicate anew.

Jean Curd, 1940-

Tune: Gotts Will Machen (HO&N 236)

Address / Reading

An excerpt from Chapter 3 of Akenfield by Ronald Blythe is read.

¶ Prayers

Intercessions

We thank you for the joy and responsibility of sounding your welcome from our towers; awaken in all who ring faith, love and devotion in prayer and in practice.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Grant, Lord, that the bells rung in our churches may sound your praises and the good news of salvation, summoning the faithful to worship, and stirring all who hear them to turn to you.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

May the ringing of your praise bring comfort and help to those who are sick, anxious or distressed, and strengthen them in spirit in their time of need.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

We offer you our thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Grant us perseverance and faith on our journey, and bring us with all your holy ones to join in the eternal music of your praise.

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers, and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation, that among the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may always be defended by your gracious help; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

- 1 Unchanging God, who livest
Enthroned in realms on high,
To men the power thou givest
Thy name to magnify.
We raise the bells for ringing
With ready mind and will,
And come before thee, bringing
Our hearts, our strength, our skill.
- 2 We call, from tower and steeple,
Upon the day of days,
All faithful Christian people
To worship, prayer and praise;
We ring with joyous gladness
When man and wife are blessed;
We peal in muffled sadness
For loved ones laid to rest.
- 3 By union free and willing
The work of God is done;
Our Master's prayer fulfilling,
We would in him be one:
One, as the Church our Mother
Would have her children stand,
Befriending one another,
A strong and steadfast band.
- 4 Our lives, like bells, while changing,
An ordered course pursue;
Through joys and sorrows ranging,
May all those lives ring true.
May we, through Christ forgiven,
Our faults and failures past,
Attain our place in heaven,
Called home to rest at last.

Henry Charles Wilder, 1904

Tune: Belfry Praise

¶ The Word of God

Psalmody

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

All **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.**

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city *
that is at unity in itself.

All **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.**

- 4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, *
the thrones of the house of David.

All **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.**

- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
'May they prosper who love you.
- 7 'Peace be within your walls *
and tranquillity within your palaces.'

All **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.**

- 8 For my kindred and companions' sake, *
I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.

All **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.**

Psalm 122

Psalm prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
bring us with joy to the eternal city founded on the rock,
and give to our earthly cities the peace that comes from above;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12-17

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn : Ringing through the year

- 1 Give praise to Him, our God on high,
Ring out, let notes on breezes fly.
By our labours through the year
We seek to draw His faithful near.
- 2 Our harvest's golden gifts now blest,
Hail Autumn's languid span of rest,
November comes with sombre sounds
And echoes, muffled all around.
- 3 On Christmas Eve in midnight air
O'er frosty grass and branches bare,
Sing out the songs of joyous praise
And heavenward hearts of all men raise.
- 4 In morning light of early spring
In praise of Jesus Christ our King,
Let these tuneful voices swell
With homage from each herald bell.
- 5 When Lent is o'er, with Easter mirth
We celebrate our world's rebirth.
Then Whitsuntide's ascending sound
Through streams of warming air abound.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,
forgive *us our* sins,
and bring *us* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Praise

All stand

Responsory

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
All **burst into jubilant song with music;**

make music to the Lord with the harp,
All **with the harp and sound of bells.**

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn,
All **shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,
All **let the mountains sing together for joy.**
Let us all make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

cf. Psalm 98

The Collect

The Collect of the day, or another appropriate Collect is said.

Almighty God,
who enlightened your holy Church
through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly grounded
in the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Association Collect

All **Almighty God,
the Giver of all good gifts,
without whom we can do nothing.
Prosper, we pray, the work of our Association,
increase our skill,
and grant us grace to serve you faithfully
in the performance of our art;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**