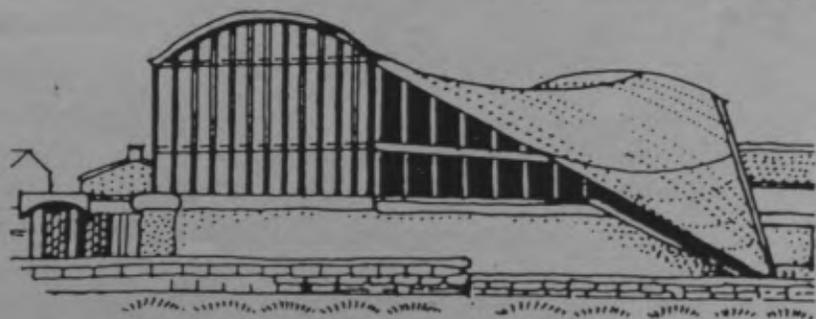
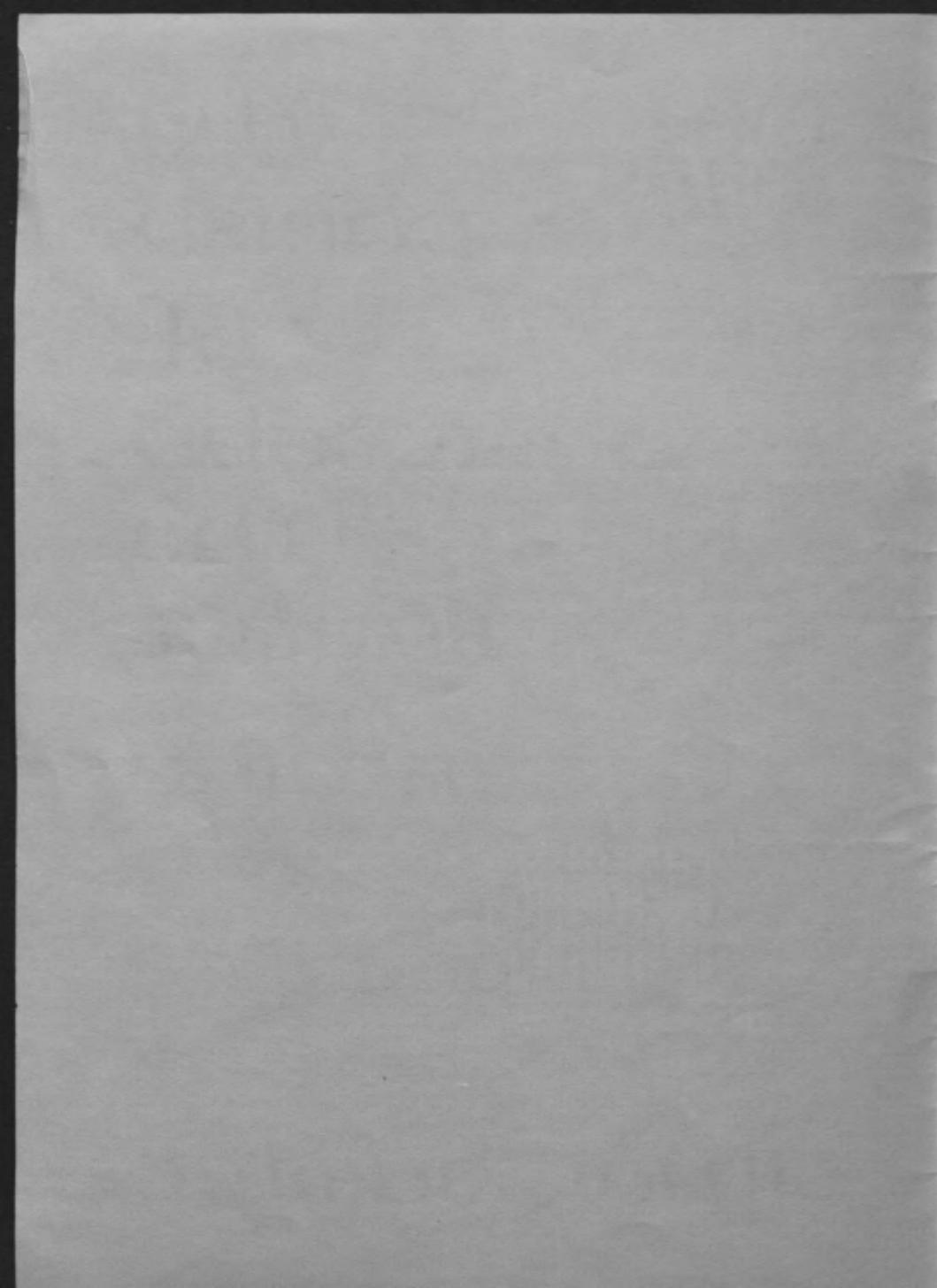


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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LINCOLN.

Thursday 6th October 1988

7.30. p.m.

THE RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT HARDY,

BISHOP OF LINCOLN,

TO PRESIDE AND PREACH

Blessed city, heavenly Salem,
vision dear of peace and love,
who of living stones art builded
in the height of heaven above,
and, with angel hosts encircled,
as a bride dost earthward move.

From celestial realms descending,
bridal glory round thee shed,
meet for him whose love espoused thee,
to thy Lord shalt thou be led;
all thy streets and all thy bulwarks
of pure gold are fashioned.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
they are open evermore;
and by virtue of his merits
thither faithful souls do soar,
who for Christ's dear name in this world
pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
polished well those stones elect,
in their places now compacted
by the heavenly Architect,
who therewith hath willed for ever
that his palace should be decked.

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 Sion'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 always.

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.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

THE PREPARATION

How awesome is this place! This is none other
than the house of God, and this is the gate of
heaven. Genesis 28.17

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate
the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship here;
and we pray that all who seek you in this place
may find you,
and being filled with the Holy Spirit
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING (EPISTLE)

New Testament 1 Peter 2.1-10 NEB

Away with all malice and deceit, away with all
pretence and jealousy and recrimination of every
kind! Like the new-born infants you are, you must
crave for pure milk (spiritual milk, I mean),
so that you may thrive upon it to your soul's
health. Surely you have tasted that the Lord
is good.

So come to him, our living Stone - the stone rejected by men but choice and precious in the sight of God, Come, and let yourselves be built, as living stones, into a spiritual temple; become a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands written:

'I lay in Zion a choice corner-stone of great worth. The man who has faith in it will not be put to shame.'

The great worth of which it speaks is for you who have faith. For those who have no faith, the stone which the builders rejected has become not only the corner-stone, but also 'a stone to trip over, a rock to stumble against'. They fall when they disbelieve the Word. Such was their appointed lot!

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, and a people claimed by God for his own, to proclaim the triumphs of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. You are now the people of God, who once were not his people; outside his mercy once, you have now received his mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 166

All Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

Stand

THE GOSPEL. Matthew 21.12-16 RSV

All Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus entered the temple of God and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you make it a den of robbers.'

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' they were indignant; and they said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' And Jesus said to them, 'Yes, have you never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise"?'

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sit

THE SERMON

Stand

All We believe in one God,
the father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTERCESSION

Minister Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you
promised through your Son Jesus Christ to
hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Robert our bishop and all your
Church in the service of Christ; that those
who confess your name may be united in your
truth, live together in your love, and reveal
your glory in the world.

Bless and guide Elizabeth our queen; give
wisdom to all in authority; and direct this
and every nation in the ways of justice and
of peace; that men may honour one another,
and seek the common good.

Give grace to us, our families and friends,
and to all our neighbours; that we may serve
Christ in one another, and love as he loves
us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. John the Baptist and of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Bishop God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who
died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness
of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Bishop Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under
your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son
Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

stand

We are the Body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into
one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

Bishop Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.

Though with a scornful wonder
 men see her sore opprest,
 by schisms rent asunder,
 by heresies distrest,
 yet saints their watch are keeping,
 their cry goes up, 'How long?'
 and soon the night of weeping
 shall be the morn of song.

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.

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from
the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the
slavery of sin,
giving him to be born as man and to die upon
the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give you thanks for your blessing on this house of prayer, where through your grace we offer you the sacrifice of praise, and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands, even the body of your Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Bishop Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 and as we follow his example and obey
 his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Bishop Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
and proclaim his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension.
As we look for his coming in glory,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup
his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence may be kept

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

THE COMMUNION

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. Amen.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us
your peace.

Bishop Draw near with faith. Receive the body of
our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith
with thanksgiving.

HYMN 265

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Bishop You are the temple of the living God, and the
spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of
God is holy: you are that temple.
1 Corinthians 3.16

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

Bishop The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ
our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 431

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.