

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

ERMINE

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF

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BY

THE RIGHT REVEREND
THE LORD BISHOP OF LINCOLN

MONDAY, JULY 23rd. 1962

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A CONFESSION OF SIN

WE CONFESS to God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word and deed. Wherefore we pray to God to forgive us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(The Absolution)

PSALM 84 (said)

- O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts !
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
 3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
 4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.
 5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.
 6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.
 7. They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
 8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken O God of Jacob.
 9. Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
 10. For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.
 11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
 12. For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
 13. O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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.

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

The Tent of Meeting (Exodus 40, v.17-19 & 34-38)
God in the midst of his people (Revelation 21, v.1-3)
The house built on the rock (Matthew 7, v.21-25)

Let us pray,

Lord have mercy upon us
CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US
Lord have mercy upon us

OUR FATHER

Except the Lord build the house:
THEIR LABOUR IS BUT LOST THAT BUILD IT

Our help is in the name of the Lord:
WHO HATH MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH

Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid:
WHICH IS CHRIST JESUS

Blessed be the Name of the Lord:
FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOR EVERMORE

ALL SAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the one foundation and the chief corner-stone; Bless the laying of this stone in thy name, and be thou, we beseech thee, the beginning, the increase, and the fulfillment of this our work, which is undertaken to the glory of thy name, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end, Amen.

THE BISHOP SHALL THEN LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE

Bishop: In the Faith of Jesus Christ, we place this stone, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People: AMEN.

Bishop: Here may God's people encounter the Living Word, feed upon the Bread of Life, and be sent into the world to proclaim the risen Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end.

People: AMEN.

Hymn No. 447

O GOD of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode,
Our souls arrive in peace.

ADDRESS

THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN

Bishop:

Let us pray for all who by their labour and gifts
are helping in the present building of this Church;
and let us dedicate ourselves to the completion of
this work.

All say:

Go before us, O Lord, 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.

THE BLESSING

The clergy and choir shall proceed around the boundaries of
the new Church, all singing the following hymn:

Handley

Hymn No. 488

THE Church of God a kingdom is,
Where Christ in power doth reign,
Where spirits yearn till seen in bliss
Their Lord shall come again.

Glad companies of saints possess
This Church below, above;
And God's perpetual calm doth bless
Their paradise of love.

An altar stands within the shrine
Whereon, once sacrificed,
Is set, immaculate, divine,
The Lamb of God, the Christ.

There rich and poor, from countless lands,
Praise Christ on mystic Rood;
There nations reach forth holy hands
To take God's holy Food.

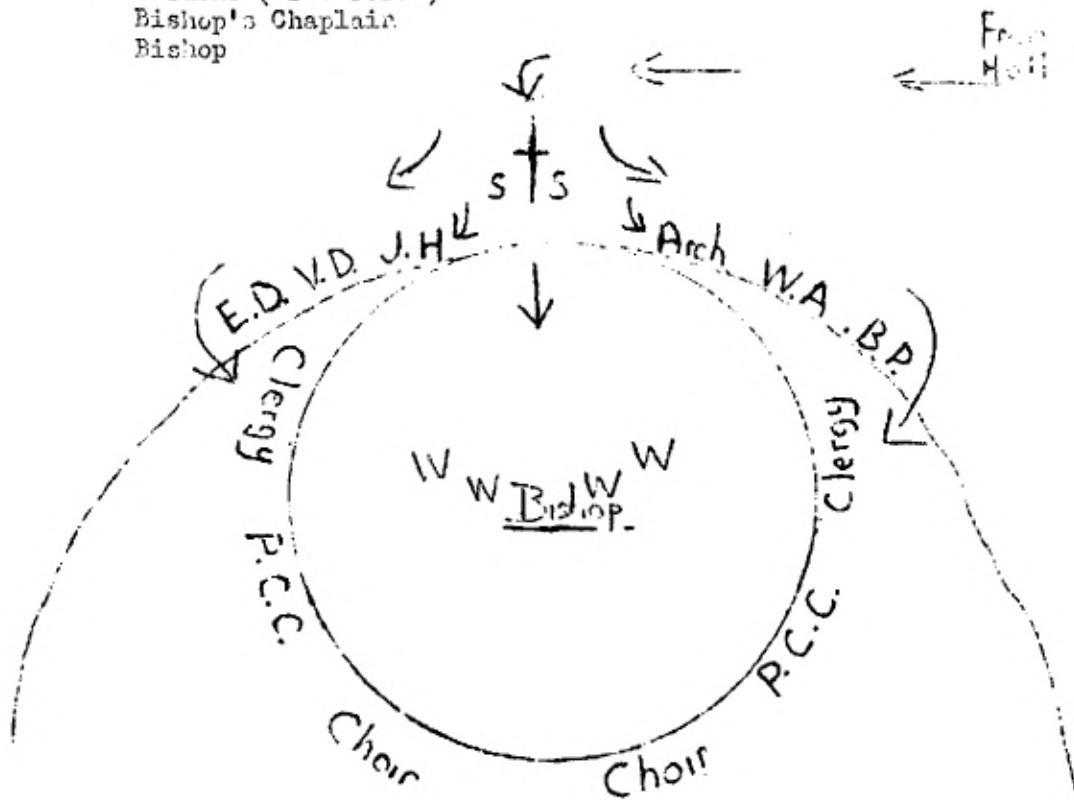
There pure life-giving streams o'erflow
The sower's garden-ground;
And faith and hope fair blossoms show,
And fruits of love abound.

O King, O Christ, this endless grace
To us and all men bring,
To see the vision of thy face
In joy, O Christ, our King.

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PROCESSION FROM HALL TO SITE :

1. Crucifer & two servers
 Choir & Servers
 P.C.C. & Building Committee
 Readers
 Clergy
2. Wardens (St. J.E.)
 B. Parsons B. Daines
 Rev. W.T. Armstrong Canon V.I. Dalby
 Archdeacon of Lincoln Rev. J. Hodgkinson
3. Wardens (St. J.B.)
 Bishop's Chaplain
 Bishop



Procession round the site & return to the Hall

Crucifer and two servers
 Bishop
 Wardens (St. J. B.)
 Wardens (St. J. E.)
 Bishop's Chaplain
 Choir
 P.C.C. : Readers,
 Clergy
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 Rev. J. Hodgkinson Archdeacon of Lincoln

