



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

ON THE DAY OF

THE CONSECRATION

OF THE

PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
LINCOLN

SUNDAY, 6th OCTOBER, 1963

3 p.m.

PSALM 122

Antiphon: We shall go up with joy to the house of our God (*sung by choir and repeated after each verse*).

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house".
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment,
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem, pray:
"Peace be to your homes,
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace".

For love of my brethren and friends,
I say: "Peace upon you".
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
both now and for ever.
the God who is, who was and is to come
at the end of the ages.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE in God, Creator of the world, Redeemer of mankind, Spirit of grace and power.

WE BELIEVE in the coming of God's Kingdom of justice, brotherhood and peace.

WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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

THANKSGIVINGS

Minister: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious.

People: For His mercy endureth forever.

The Congregation shall say together:

A 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.*

THE LESSON

HYMN

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken, Sion, city of our God!	See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode:	Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove:
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?	Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.	Grace, which like the Lord the Giver, Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I, through grace, a member am
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

THE DEANERY OF CHRISTIANITY WELCOMES THE NEW PARISH CHURCH

Representatives of the churches of the deanery come up the centre aisle to present their gifts.

All say: All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given unto thee.

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 blessed 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 perplexed,
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 heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

ADDRESS

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HYMN

REJOICE, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given.

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet.

PRAYERS FOR THE MISSION TO LINCOLN

BLESSING

HYMN

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.