

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH



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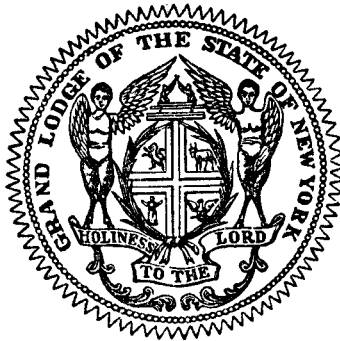
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A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING MARKING
THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK

APRIL 29, 1956

4:00 P. M.

Held at the Cathedral Church by invitation of
The Right Reverend the Bishop of New York

EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ENTRANCE OF THE CLERGY AND THE CHOIR

PROCESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE

¶ *After the Processions have come to the Great Choir, this Sentence shall be said.*

WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
—*Psalm xcvi. 9.*

¶ *Then shall be sung,*

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips,

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 100

ANGLICAN CHANT

O BE joyful in the Lord, | all ye | lands:
* serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his | presence | with a | song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not | we our|selves;
* we are his | people • and the | sheep of • his | pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his | courts with | praise;
* be thankful unto | him and • speak | good of • his | Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious,
his mercy is | ever|lasting;
* and his truth endureth from gene|ration to | gene|ration.
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. | A-|men.

THE FIRST LESSON *read by* RABBI THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM S. ROSENBLUM
GRAND CHAPLAIN

MAGNIFICAT

Second Service

Byrd

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; * and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; * and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; * as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON *read by* THE MOST WORSHIPFUL RAYMOND C. ELLIS
GRAND MASTER

NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, * according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen * thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the State.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AFTER THE THIRD COLLECT, ANTHEM (¶ *Sung kneeling*)

Hilton

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

¶ *Then shall the Officiant say,*

ALMIGHTY God, who didst bless our state with the gift of the Brotherhood of the Craft; accept, we beseech thee, the humble thanks of thy servants for its establishment and its preservation unto this present day, and grant that thy servants may serve it in such good wise that it may accomplish yet greater things for the welfare of its Brethren and of all men everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GRACE

HYMN 271

MOSCOW

COME, thou almighty King,
 Help us thy Name to sing,
 Help us to praise.
 Father whose love unknown
 All things created own,
 Build in our hearts thy throne,
 Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word,
 By heaven and earth adored;
 Our prayer attend:
 Come, and thy people bless;
 Come, give thy word success;
 Stablish thy righteousness,
 Saviour and friend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
 Thy sacred witness bear
 In this glad hour:
 Thou, who almighty art,
 Now rule in every heart,
 And ne'er from us depart,
 Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
 The highest praises be,
 Hence evermore;
 Thy sovereign majesty
 May we in glory see,
 And to eternity
 Love and adore. Amen.

GREETINGS THE REVEREND THE CANON SACRIST

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM

Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee; but the night is clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live and it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for evermore.

HYMN

NATIONAL HYMN

THE days of which our fathers dreamed
 are here.
 Praying for wisdom as they onward trod.
 Sharing a fellowship of human love,
 Ever they sought to find the living God.

Our hearts grow strong with hopes our
 fathers knew.
 By faith we'll plan; like them go forth
 to do
 In brotherhood, as taught by God above,
 Here at Thine altar now we pledge anew.

We'll greet life's struggle 'neath the blazing
 sun,
 And count it joy for each day's fuller test,
 To share the burdens of our fellow man,
 And rest with him, when he at last finds rest.

May we not falter as we onward go,
 Leaving a heritage from each brave soul;
 This is our prayer, the "well-done" for us all,
 The purpose of our journey and its goal.

Ralph Welles Keeler, Past Grand Chaplain

SERMON

THE MOST REVEREND AND MOST WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM LOCKRIDGE WRIGHT, D.D., D.C.L.

Archbishop of Algoma and Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario
 Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario

HYMN 141

AMERICA

MY country, 'tis of thee,
 Sweet land of liberty,
 Of thee I sing;
 Land where my fathers died,
 Land of the pilgrims' pride,
 From every mountainside
 Let freedom ring.

2 My native country, thee,
 Land of the noble free,
 Thy name I love;
 I love thy rocks and rills,
 Thy woods and templed hills;
 My heart with rapture thrills
 Like that above.

3 Let music swell the breeze,
 And ring from all the trees
 Sweet freedom's song;
 Let mortal tongues awake,
 Let all that breathe partake,
 Let rocks their silence break,
 The sound prolong.

4 Our fathers' God, to thee,
 Author of liberty,
 To thee we sing;
 Long may our land be bright
 With freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by thy might,
 Great God, our King. Amen.