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THE PROVINCE OF WARWICKSHIRE

The Right Eminent Knight David Handley
Provincial Prior

The Eminent Knight David J. Satchwell, **P. Gt. St.B.(B)**
Provincial Sub-Prior



Sunday 21st July 2024 at 3.00 pm

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
at the Parish Church of St Mary, the Virgin,
Temple Balsall

The Reverend Debbie Collins

Assisted by

The Eminent Knight Denis Plater, **P.Gt.WofR.**

Provincial Prelate

During the singing of the following hymn, the Reverend Debbie Collins, accompanied by the Provincial Prior, the Sub-Prior and the Banners of the Preceptories enter the Church in procession.

Processional Hymn

Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
with the Cross of Jesus,
going on before.
Christ the royal Master,
leads against the foe;
forward into battle,
see, His banners go!
*Onward, Christian Soldiers,
marching as to war,
with the Cross of Jesus going on before.*

At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
on then, Christian soldiers,
on to victory.
Hell's foundations quiver
at the shout of praise;
brothers, lift your voices,
loud your anthems raise.
Onward, &c.

Like a mighty army
moves the Church of God.
Brother's we are treading
where the Saints have trod;
we are not divided,
all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine,
one in charity.
Onward, &c

Crowns and thrones may perish,
kingdoms rise and wane,
but the Church of Jesus
constant will remain;
gates of hell can never
'gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise,
and that cannot fail.
Onward, &c

Onward, then, ye people,
join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song;
glory, laud and honour
unto Christ the King;
this through countless ages
men and Angels sing.
Onward, &c.

A Welcome by The Reverend Debbie Collins of the Parish Church of St Mary, the Virgin, Temple Balsall

Introductory Sentence

The righteous shall receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from God their Saviour: for these are the people who long to see his face.

Psalm 24 vs 5 and 6

The Invitation and Confession

Vicar Friends in Christ, we have come together to offer worship and praises to almighty God, through our Saviour and Lord. We come to learn of him, and to ask God's blessing both for others and for ourselves, according to our need. But before all, we come in penitence, to ask for our Father's forgiveness for all that we have done amiss, and his strength, that we may live and walk in his way.

So, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your Image in us. We are sorry and ashamed 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.

Amen

Vicar 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 say the Lord's Prayer:

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

Hymn

1

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong is the strength which God supplies,
Through his Eternal Son.

2

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And, in his mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror

3

Stand then in His great might,
With all his strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

4

Wrestle, and fight and pray,
From strength to strength go on,
Tread all the powers of darkness down
And win the well fought day.

5

That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may obtain, through Christ alone,
A crown of joy at last.

6

Jesu, Eternal Son,
We praise thee and adore,
Who art with God the Father one,
And Spirit evermore. Amen

Charles Wesley

The Lessons

Read by the Provincial Sub-Prior.

1st Reading is taken from Mark Chapter 6 Verses 30 - 34

2nd Reading is taken from Psalm 89 Verses 20 - 37

Hymn

1

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
*Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
feed me till I want no more.*

2

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar,
lead me all my journey through;
*Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
be thou still my strength and shield.*

3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
*Songs of praises, Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.*

W. Williams

Sermon

The Reverend Debbie Collins

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! **(2)**
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! **(2)**
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! **(2)**
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! **(2)**
Praise with us the God of grace!

C.Wesley

THANKSGIVING FOR THE ORDER AND THE PRAYERS

The Precepts of the Order.

The Provincial Prior will introduce the Precepts and then say.

‘Listen to our Precepts.

Love, honour and fear God; walk after His commandments: Maintain and defend the Christian Faith, and the honour, dignity and interests of our Order. Be loyal to your Sovereign, dutiful to the Grand Master and obedient to those who rule over you. Prefer honour to wealth. be just and true in word and deed. Give no willing cause of offence to any; but while opposing wrong and injustice, deport your lives courteously and gently, Assist the distressed the widow and the fatherless. Eschew all debasing employment, recreation and company; abhor pride and selfishness and so raise the standard of chivalrous honour, striving for the welfare of your Brethren.’

The Provincial Prelate says,

Let us pray

For the wise government of this world and for all statesmen and world leaders may they be made strong to do what is right, and may they know from whom their strength derives.

All Amen: Lord have mercy.

For our Sovereign, King Charles III, and for the Royal family, for those set in Authority in government and opposition, both national and local, and for members of the armed forces, police and emergency services: grant that in city suburb and countryside our nation may walk in ways of prosperity, peace and faith.

All Amen: Lord have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering in mind, body or estate: for the homeless, the hungry, the poor. The lonely and the bereaved and for the dying: for the faithful departed, and especially for Knights of our Order:

All Amen: Lord have mercy.

Let us now give thanks for our Order and let us pray for all Knights Templar throughout the world,

O God, creator of all that is and Father of us all, pour down your blessing upon all Orders of Knights Templar and prosper their endeavours: and may the Holy Spirit so direct our minds and encourage our hearts that guided by your wisdom, we may have our allotted tasks sanctified by your love.

All And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, ever more.

Amen

The Hymn of the Knights Templar

During the singing of this Hymn a collection will be taken up for the benefit of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Temple Balsall.

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest.

Alleluia Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.

Alleluia Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints, who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens the west:
soon, soon to faithful warriors' cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

William Walsingham Howe 1823-1897

The Blessing

Vicar

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good, render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King,
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign,
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Will the congregation please remain in their seats until invited to retire by the Provincial Marshal.

