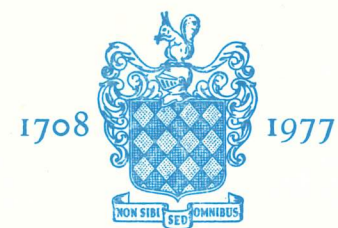


LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL



THE
FOUNDERS' DAY
SERVICE
OF
LIVERPOOL BLUE COAT SCHOOL



Sunday, 10th July 1977, at 4.30 p.m.

INTROIT

At 4.30 p.m. the Chapel Choir sings,

INTROIT: "PSALM 121"

Walford Davies (1869-1941)

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy right hand ; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

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.

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?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

INTRODUCTION

The Dean then welcomes the members of the school to the Cathedral, and continues:

Members and Friends of the Liverpool Blue Coat School, we meet in this Cathedral Church of Christ—the Mother Church of this Diocese, to thank God for the Blue Coat School and for its service to the community; for those who have taught in the School and for all who have gone forth to serve God and their fellow men.

But first, let us stand in silence and remember God's Presence with us now.

After a short silence everyone says together

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. Amen.

HYMN

THE King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

THANKSGIVING

Everyone remains standing, and the Headmaster leads the Thanksgiving.

LET us praise God for the Foundation of the Blue Coat School by
BRYAN BLUNDELL and the REVEREND ROBERT STYTHER for their vision
and compassion, and for all Benefactors of the School.

Answer: We thank him.

Let us thank God for the blessings he has given us during this past year
at school.

For the good gifts of education, and for every opportunity of learning
and of growth, let us thank God.

Answer: We thank him.

For men and women who have taught us, corrected us, advised us, and
guided us, let us thank God.

Answer: We thank him.

For those who at home or at school have surrounded us with good
influences, borne with us, forgiven us, sacrificed themselves for us,
and loved us, let us thank God.

Answer: We thank him.

For the comradeship we have enjoyed, and for the friendships we have
made, let us thank God.

Answer: We thank him.

Then everyone sits for

THE LESSON

PHILIPPIANS Chapter 2 verses 1 - 11

read by the TREASURER, MR. IAN TOD

Then everyone remains seated for

THE ANTHEM

*Sung by the Treble voices of the Choral Society with members of the Chamber
Orchestra*

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

J. S. Bach

THE PRAYERS

led by the SCHOOL CHAPLAIN, the REV. R. L. METCALF

For Our Country and for the Homeless.

Chaplain: Let us pray for an increased sense of national unity, that we
may work together for peace, prosperity and economic
stability.

O GOD our Father give to the people of our land a new
heart of comradeship that each may bring his tribute of
excellence to the common treasury that our country may
go forward in the new and living way which Christ has
consecrated for us, who now lives and reigns with Thee and
the Holy Spirit One God, world without end.

O CHRIST Our Lord, who didst go forth in homelessness
that Thou mightest find a home in every man. and that
everyman might find a home in Thee: we bring before Thee
at this time all Thy homeless ones, all who are in exile or
suffering, all refugees and the unemployed, grant them the
sense of being held fast in Thee, and enable all who love
Thee to strive together for a world which shall be closer to
Thy Kingdom in which men may live together as a family,
each caring for all, and all caring for each, for the sake of
peace.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Old Boys of the School

Chaplain: For those at University, or engaged in courses of further education, or professional training.
For those recently married, building up their homes and families.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Chaplain: For those in the full tide of their capabilities and responsibilities.

When they are tempted to use power, position and wealth for selfish ends.

When they are tempted to prostitute truth and to follow expediency in preference to integrity.

When they need, and know they need, the help of God.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the School

Chaplain: That Staff and Boys may be a united community, enjoying life and learning.

That the laboratories and science rooms may open horizons of truth, honestly sought and studied.

That studies in the arts and humanities may reveal the richness of our heritage, and quicken the search for human understanding.

That the playing fields and swimming bath may be enjoyed both for their recreation and as a school of unselfishness.

That the School Societies may foster friendships and give full scope for individuality.

That the daily act of worship may be real and point life's purpose and direction to God.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Ourselves

Chaplain: Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost: to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and to ask for no reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All say together:

LORD, make us instruments of Thy peace,
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
For Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake.

HYMN

O JESUS, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

THE ADDRESS
THE DEAN OF LIVERPOOL

HYMN

(During which a collection will be taken for the work of Liverpool Cathedral)

O WORSHIP the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

THE BLESSING

As an Epilogue the Choir will sing
BEFORE THE ENDING OF THE DAY

Plainsong, Mode VIII