



The Blue Coat School

Founders Day
3 April 2014

about
Time

*There is a time for everything, and a season
for every activity under heaven*

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC:

FIRST HYMN: PRAISE TO THE LORD

The writer of our first hymn, Joachim Neander, studied theology at Bremen University, 1666-1670.

ALL STAND

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been,
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who cloth prosper thy work and defend thee
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that bath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly, for ay we adore him.

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

The Chaplain, Canon Janet Eastwood

Loving Father, we thank you for this day
and for all we have to celebrate.
Help through this act of worship
To rejoice in the diversity of talent,
teaching and opinions within our school
and the common aims and standards which enable us
to live for the present and enable us to plan for the future
with vision, courage and integrity.
We ask this in Jesus' name

All Amen

PLEASE SIT DOWN

'YESTERDAY'

Acting Chair of Foundation, Mr Steve Elliott
Chair of Governing Body Ms Julia Shaw

Our first reading is taken from Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 11 and will be read by students in many different languages.

The Chaplain, Canon Janet Eastwood:

Let us take time in this service to reflect the good
which has been done within our school and give thanks.
May we also acknowledge where mistakes have been made
so that in the fullness of time we may turn from
all that has caused upset and work together
towards our common good.

We say together:

Lord God, we give thanks that with you,
nothing is impossible.
Help us to turn away from past hurts and deeds
which hold us back,
to show regret when we have caused offence
and appreciation when we have felt valued.
Help us to recognise the time for healing
and the time for forgiving.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our next hymn, written by Dave Evans, and published in 1986, soon gained very widespread popularity. The hymn is both profound and very simple. The breadth of Biblical theology encompassed in this single song is vast.

PLEASE STAND FOR THE HYMN

HYMN: BE STILL

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground,
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around,
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace,
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him,
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.

We now turn in our prayers to give thanks for the Founders' of our School.

PRAYERS: Read by students

Heavenly Father, we thank you for The Blue Coat School,
For Brian Blundell and Robert Styth
who saw the need to help children have an education
and worked together to make it happen.

We thank you for the teachers who have shared
their gifts and knowledge over the years
to inspire and educate the students in their care,
and for the governors who have brought their skills and time
to support and develop the work of the school.
Let us bless the Lord

ALL Thanks be to God

Let us give thanks to God for the blessings we have received
during our time at school: For the dedication of the teaching
staff and the commitment of governors, for the gift of
education, and every opportunity of learning and growth this
brings, and for the continuing life of our school.
Let us bless the Lord:

ALL Thanks be to God

Our second reading is taken from Luke 12: 35-40 *read by the Head Boy
and Head Girl.*

ADDRESS 'TODAY' Professor Tom Greggs

*Professor Tom Greggs was a student at The Blue Coat School from 1992-99,
and was Head of School in his final year. After graduating with the highest
first class honours degree in his year from the University of Oxford and
teaching at the Manchester Grammar School, he took a PhD in Cambridge
University, where he was a tutor in Theology. He was appointed Professor of
Systematic Theology at the University of Chester at the age of 28, and was
the youngest person in the country to hold a professorship. He is currently
Chair of Historical and Doctrinal Theology and Director of Research at the
University of Aberdeen. He has published five books, and was recently
elected a founding member of the Royal Society of Edinburgh Young
Academy of Scotland.*

READING AND MEDITATION

*Our readings today are all on the theme of time and are read by students,
with a musical accompaniment , performed by Eleanor Hargreaves.*

LET US PRAY: Read by Senior Prefect Team

We pray for those who will be leaving the school
this year to work, to study,
to take time to discover new places and opportunities.
As they start a new time in their lives,
may the diversity of their education stand them in good stead
for all that lies before them.
Lord hear us:

ALL Lord graciously hear us

We think all that lies ahead for us, for the new students,
who will join us in September,
for the future that holds so much promise.
Let us pray that we will meet all new challenges,
with hope and vision and encourage one another
in the tasks which lie ahead,
and in so doing serve you with our hearts, minds and bodies.
Lord hear us:

ALL Lord graciously hear us

Finally, with all that lies behind us,
and with the future stretching out ahead of us,
We pray that every person will be valued for their particular gifts
of talents and personality,
and yet be able to use these different skills together,
to fight in justice, to show compassion,
to make a difference to the world in which we live,
Lord hear us:

ALL Lord graciously hear us

Led by Canon Janet Eastwood, We join all our prayers together as we say

ALL 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.

The School Choir will sing ' Mercy Street' by Peter Gabriel.
The song written by Peter Gabriel from his 1986 album 'So'

'FROM THE PRESENT TO THE FUTURE'

Mrs D A Silcock, Headteacher

*Our final hymn, 'Jerusalem' was originally written as a poem by
William Blake in 1804, the lyrics were added to music written by Hubert
Parry in 1916.*

PLEASE STAND FOR THE HYMN

HYMN JERUSALEM

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE FINAL PRAYER, BLESSING AND
PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM

Prayer and Blessing:

Led by Canon Janet Eastwood

Lord of Light – shine on you Lord of Peace - dwell in you
Lord of Love – enfold you.
Lord of Wisdom – teach us
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit be with us this day and always. Amen

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Make use of time, let not advantage slip.
William Shakespeare