

ST ELPHIN'S SCHOOL
DARLEY DALE



COMMEMORATION
SERVICE

St Helen's Church, Darley Dale
Friday, 25th October, 1996 at 11.15 a.m.

We are grateful to the Rector, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of St Helen's Church, Darley Dale, for their kindness in once more allowing St Elphin's School to use the Church for our Commemoration Service. Our principal celebrant today is the Chairman of the Governors, the Rt Revd Michael Henshall; and we welcome as our preacher his wife, Mrs Steve Ann Henshall.

The Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei which will be sung at this service are taken from the Messe Basse by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924).

*Valerie Fisher, Headmistress
Stephen Jones, Chaplain
Andrew Teague, Director of Music*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ music before the service:

Prelude in G minor – J.S. Bach (BWV 558)

played by Kathryn Shipman

Prelude and Fugue in D minor – J.S. Bach (BWV 554)

played by Amanda Lee

All stand.

INTROIT HYMN (83):

O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along;
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

All remain standing while the Head Girl reads:

THE BIDDING

The Bishop begins the Eucharist (Service Book, page 119).

THE GREETING

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE COLLECT:

Let us pray.

O Lord, the rock on which we build, the firm foundation of our life and works; we give thanks for the vision of our founder, and for all those who through the years have contributed to the good of our school and its pupils; and we pray that we in our generation may be faithful to this inheritance, to the good of our world and to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit. The Sacristan reads:

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 13.7-8, 15-16

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and for ever. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing:

THE GRADUAL
Psalm 127

Except the Lord / build the / house : their labour / is but / lost
that / build it.

Except the Lord / keep the / city : the watchman / waketh / but
in / vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late
take rest, and eat the / bread of / carefulness : for so he giveth
/ his be- / loved / sleep.

Lo, children and the / fruit of the / womb : are an heritage
and gift that / cometh / of the / Lord.

Like as the arrows in the / hand of the / giant : even so / are
the / young / children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver / full of / them : they
shall not be ashamed, when they speak with their / enemies /
in the / gate.

All remain standing. The Headmistress reads:

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 5.3-10

After the Gospel is announced, all sing:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of Christ:
Praise to Christ our Lord.

All sit.

THE ADDRESS
Given by Mrs Steve Ann Henshall

All stand.

THE CREED
Service Booklet, page 123.

All kneel.

THE INTERCESSIONS
*Read by a Parent, a Deputy Head Girl, a Governor,
the Secretary of the Old Girls' Guild, and a member of the Staff.*

Responses:

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father:
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand.

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
And also with you.

Members of the congregation are invited to offer a sign of peace to those standing near them.

OFFERTORY HYMN (68)

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, Alleluia,
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, 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:
Praise him, praise him, Alleluia,
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, Alleluia,
Praise the high eternal one.

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, Alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.

THE THIRD EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Service Booklet, page 136

During the Eucharistic Prayer, the Choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus sabaoth,
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE COMMUNION

Service Booklet, page 142

While the Eucharistic bread is being broken, the Choir sings:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Communion is received kneeling at the Altar rail. The Choir receives first. Those who wish to receive a blessing should kneel with their hands folded.

During the distribution of Holy Communion, the Choir sings:

MOTETS

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Words: *Psalms 119.33*

Music: *Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*
Arr. J. Gillespie

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.

Words: *Numbers 6.24*

Music: *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

After Communion, all kneel.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Service Booklet, page 145

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

All stand.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his blood.'

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Organ music after the service:

Processional – *William Mathias (1934–1992)*

*Collection plates have been provided at the door for those who would like to make
an offering towards the work of St Helen's Church*