MOPPA (UK) Annual Thanksgiving Service



at
St Mark's Church
St Mark's Rise, Dalston E8
on
Sunday 19 September 2004
at 4 pm

Order of Service

Processional hymn — all stand

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in his castle, The poor man at his gate, He made them, high or lowly, And ordered their estate.

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

Sit. Introduction and Welcome by Mary Findlow

To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

in hymns of adoration,
To Thee bring sacrifice of praise
with shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
the hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
that even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon Thine altar, Lord, we lay
the firstfruits of Thy blessing.
By Thee all human souls are led
with gifts of grace supernal;
Thou, Who gives us our daily bread,
give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day, and often toil seems dreary; But labor ends with sunset ray, and rest comes for the weary. May we, the angel reaping over, stand at the last accepted, Christ's golden sheaves, forevermore to garners bright elected.

O blessèd is that land of God
where saints abide forever,
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,
where flows the crystal river.
The strains of all its holy throng
with ours today are blending;
Thrice blessèd is that harvest song
which never hath an ending.

Remain standing

MINISTER:

We have come together as a family of God, in our Father's presence, to offer him praises and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy word, to bring before him the needs of the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to seek his grace, that through his son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sit for THE OLD TESTAMENT READING
Daniel 9: 9-15 Dorothy Greenaway

STAND for prayers Lord in your mercy hear our prayers

SIT for hymn and readings

First reading: Psalm 34: 1-10 Gavin Furlonge

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Second reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Michael Daley

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Third reading: Luke 6: 37-42 Joycelyn Fisher

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

> Remain seated for the SERMON: Rev C. Bailey

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

Forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all Our words and works that drown The tender whisper of Thy call, As noiseless let Thy blessing fall As fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

SIT or KNEEL for the Intercessionary Prayers – Gabriel Parsons

Majesty, worship his majesty;

Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty,

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

STAND for hymn (collection to be donated to St Marks Church)

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!

Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
And comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine; For truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the Name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad His wonderful name; The name all victorious of Jesus extol, His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, And still he is nigh, his presence we have; The great congregation his triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"

Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,

Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, All glory and power, all wisdom and might; All honour and blessing with angels above, And thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.

LET US PRAY – sit or kneel *All:*

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us.

May the shield of God defend us.

May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us.

May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.

Eternal light, shine into our hearts;
Eternal goodness, deliver us from evil;
Eternal power, be our support;
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Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; Eternal pity, have mercy upon us;

That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only son, our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Final hymn – stand

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in His hands, He's got the moon and the stars in His hands, He's got the wind and the clouds in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands, He's got the oceans and the seas in His hands, He's got you and he's got me in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands, He's got everybody there in His hands, He's got everybody everywhere in His hands,

He's got the whole world in His hands.



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MOPPA's annual Thanksgiving Service is held in order to give Montserratians and their friends living in England an opportunity to meet together and to thank God for all his blessings.

MOPPA has been working for over thirty years on behalf of the Montserratian community in the United Kingdom and at home, striving for their welfare and betterment.

Reconstruction continues apace on our island. Since the July 2003 dome collapse the volcano has been mostly quiet, giving us hope that it may now have really gone back to sleep. Cork Hill, Fox's Bay and St George's Hill are now considered safe. The new airport at Geralds is nearing completion, and Montserrat has acquired its first underpass (taking the road to Drummonds).

As British Overseas Territory citizens Montserrations are also entitled to UK citizenship, allowing them to live and work anywhere in the European Union.

Bind us together Lord in unity. Let us extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Association wishes to record its grateful thanks to the Parochial Church Council of St Mark's, Dalston, for making the church available to us, and to Fr. Farley for conducting the service.

We are also very grateful to the MOPPA Choir for their participation. This choir was formed a few months ago, and would welcome new members. Contact Gabriel on 020-8542 0302.



The service was put together by members of the
Ecumenical Committee:
Jane Furlonge MBE and Gabriel Parsons.
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