COWBRIDGE (Ancient Borough) with LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL

CIVIC SERVICE

The Town Mayor and Mayoress

Councillor T. Arnold and Mrs. M. Arnold invite

Mr. and Mrs. Eveleigh

to meet them at The Town Hall, Cowbridge at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 9th July 1989

to accompany them to the Service at 11.00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge

Light refreshments will be served in the Town Hall after the Service R.S.V.P.—Town Clerk, Town Hall, Cowbridge Chains of Office



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FORM AND ORDER OF CIVIC SERVICE

HOLY CROSS PARISH CHURCH COWBRIDGE

SUNDAY, 9th JULY, 1989 at 11 a.m.

Mayor:
Councillor TERENCE N. ARNOLD

Mayor's Chaplain:
The Reverend GWILYM E. WILLIAMS

Assisted by:
The Reverend JAMES HALL
The Reverend Father Dewi Davies

Organist:
Mr. Norman Roderick

The theme of our Service is "To enrich our Common Life"

When everyone has been seated

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Rector will meet the Mayor at the door of the Church:

"You are welcome Mr. Mayor with your Councillors, and Officials, to the Parish Church of Holy Cross. We would gladly know how we would serve you."

The Mayor replies:

"We come to ask the help of God in the discharge of our duties in this ancient Borough of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, that in all our responsibilities we may faithfully serve God and our fellow citizens."

The Rector will say:

"Let us go into the house of God, trusting in His mercy that He may give us grace to help in time of need, and His blessing on all you undertake in His name."

The Mayor will then be conducted to his seat in Church.

Standards will follow, and bearers will line the centre aisle and pause for the singing of

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

RECEPTION OF STANDARDS AT THE ALTAR

(during the singing of the hymn)

HYMN - "At the name of Jesus"

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him, with love strong as death, but with awe and wonder and with bated breath: he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true: crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Beloved in Christ, we are here in the presence of the living God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer to him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanks-giving; that we may know more truly the greatness of his love and that his grace may bear fruit in our lives. We have come to hear and receive God's holy Word, to seek the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit, and to pray for ourselves and all mankind that we may be given those things which are necessary for our true well-being. But first let us confess our sins, and seek our Father's pardon and peace:

Confession

KNEEL

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

The Priest pronounces ABSOLUTION

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 eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STAND

O Lord, open thou our lips; And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord; The Lord's Name be praised.

ALL (Stand and Sing) HYMN -"The King of love my Shepherd is"

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 priase within thy house for ever.

SIT

First Reading: Phillipians 4 (8-13) (Read by the Mayoress: Mrs. Marian Arnold)

COWBRIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY - "Bro-Aber" "All ye that cried unto the Lord" "I waited for the Lord"

Second Reading: Mark 10: (42-45) (Read by the Mayor: Councillor T. N. Arnold)

STAND

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

KNEEL

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; And grant us thy salvation.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness; And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people; And bless thine inheritance.

O Lord, save the Queen; And give her counsellors wisdom.

Give peace in our time, O Lord; And evermore mightily defend us.

Make clean our hearts, O God; And renew a right spirit within us.

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, to whom we must all give account: guide with your Spirit the Mayor and Councillors of this town, that they may be faithful to the mind of Christ, and seek in all their purposes to enrich our common life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECTS FOR PEACE and GRACE

HYMN - "Sanctus"

GLÂN geriwbiaid a seraffiad,
Fyrdd o gylch yr orsedd fry,
Mewn olynol seiniau dibaid,
Canant fawl eu Harglwydd cu:
"Llawn yw'r nefoedd o'th ogoniant,
Llawn yw'r ddaear, dir a môr;
Rhodder iti fythol foliant,
Sanctaidd, sanctaidd, sanctaidd Ior!"

Fyth y nef a chwydda'r moliant;
Uwch yr etyb daear fyth—
"Sanctaidd, sanctaidd, sanctaidd!" meddant,
"Dduw y lluoedd, Nêr di-lyth!
Llawn yw'r nefoedd o'th ogoniant,
Llawn yw'r ddaear, dir a môr;
Rhodder iti fythol foliant,
Sanctaidd, sanctaidd, sanctaidd lôr!"

Gyda'r seraff gôr i fyny,
Gyda'r Eglwys lân i lawr,
Uno wnawn fel hyn i ganu
Anthem clod ein Harglwydd mawr:
"Llawn yw'r nefoedd o'th ogoniant,
Llawn yw'r ddaear, dir a môr
Rhodder iti fythol foliant,
Sanctaidd, sanctaidd, sanctaidd lôr!"

INTERCESSIONS

PRAYER

All: O God our Redeemer and our King, we thankfully acknowledge that to you and to your grace we are all we are and all we have. We now offer ourselves to you for whatever of life remains to us. While time is ours. While health is ours, While reason is ours, While opportunity is ours. Take us, O Lord, and use us as you will in the service of others and for the furtherence of your kingdom, that in all things your name may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN — "Lord of all hopefullness, Lord of all joy" Our life in his hands

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord at the end of the day.

THE ADDRESS — Rev. Gwilym E. Williams

HYMN — "Hills of the North rejoice" (Collection in aid of Holy Cross Restoration Fund)

Hope of the world

Hills of the North, rejoice, echoing songs arise, hail with united voice him who made earth and skies: he comes in righteousness and love, be brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas, sing to the listening earth, carry on every breeze hope of a world's new birth: in Christ shall all be made anew, his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West, lands of the setting sun, welcome the heavenly guest in whom the dawn has come: he brings a never-ending light who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on, songs be in every mouth, lo, from the North they come, from East and West and South: in Jesus all shall find their rest, in him the sons of earth be blest.

RESTORATION OF STANDARDS during the singing of the HYMN "Praise to the Lord the Almight the King of creation"

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,

ioining 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 doth 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 hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! sound from his people again: gladly for ay we adore him.

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THE BLESSING

Note: The congregation is asked to leave in the following order:

- The Standards
- The General Public
- 3. The Mayoral Party.
- 4. The Mayor's Procession.