

Westminster Abbey



A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE
THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ST EDWARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
ST EDWARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
SCHOOL AND SIXTH-FORM COLLEGE,
ROMFORD, ESSEX



Wednesday 3 February 2010
Noon



The Shrine of St Edward the Confessor

HISTORICAL NOTE

St Edward's School was founded as a Charity School in 1710 to provide education according to the principles and practices of the Church of England. The following text has been taken directly from an entry recorded on 5 September 1710 in the vestry book for St Edward's Church in Romford:

Whereas a Charity School is Erecting or setting up with all possible speed to be sett up and opened in this town of Rumford ... for the Educating of poor Children and teaching them to Read & Write and Instructing them in the knowledg and practice of the Christian Religion as professed and taught in the Church of England ...

The school was originally housed in a small room over the south porch of St Edward's Church in Romford Market Place, with 40 boys and 20 girls ranging in age from 7 to 14. In 1728 the school moved to a building on the opposite side of the Market Place, with two rooms, one for the boys and one for the girls. More buildings were added to this site to accommodate the growing number of pupils and to meet changes in legislation.

In 1926 a new building, built around a quadrangle, was opened nearby and the school remained there until 1965 when the Secondary School moved to its present location in London Road. The Primary School moved to its present site in Havering Drive in 1976. Two statues of pupils in their eighteenth-century uniforms, which came from the first school, are preserved in the entrance hall of the Primary School.

The two schools work very closely together, with most of the Primary School pupils transferring to the secondary school at the age of 11. The Primary School now accommodates 720 pupils ranging in age from 3 to 11. St Edward's CE School and Sixth Form College now accommodates 1298 students ranging in age from 11 to 18 and specialises in languages and science.

Most of the church, with the exception of the North Transept, is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Please ensure that mobile phones, cellular phones, and pagers are switched OFF.

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the choirs of St Edward's Church of England School and Sixth Form College, and St Edward's Church of England Primary School, conducted by Phillip Keith and Ben Carter.

The organ is played by Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist.

The Primary School Percussion Band is conducted by Janice Flanders.

The Senior Orchestra and Senior Jazz Band are directed by Suzanne Yeomans.

The Flute Ensemble is directed by William Yeomans.

The Vocal Ensemble is conducted by Nikki Randell.

The Primary School dancers have been choreographed by Emily Morris.

The Secondary School dancers have been choreographed by Melissa White, Sally Sayers, and Colleen Campbell.

Music before the service:

The Primary School Percussion Band Plays:

Tango Time
Swiss Song
Dorito Dance
Lonely Elephant
Theme from Wallace & Gromit
Precious Metal
Blackberry and Apple Crumble
Walking Along

The Senior Orchestra plays:

Rondeau from 'Abdelazar'
(with Percussion Band) *Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679-95

Fantasia on British Sea Songs *Henry Joseph Wood (1869-1944)*
arranged by Douglas Wagner

Nimrod *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*
arranged by Alfred Reed

Fanfare for the Common Man *Aaron Copland (1900-1990)*
arranged by Robert Longfield

The Vocal Ensemble performs:

On Eagles' Wings *Michael Joncas (b 1951)*

The Senior Jazz Band Plays:

Sidewinder *Lee Morgan (1938-1972)*
arranged by Paul Murtha

Fly Me To The Moon *Bart Howard (1915-2004)*

Satin Doll *Duke Ellington (1899-1974)*

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

during which the Procession moves to places in the Quire and Sacrarium



ALL my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust
but God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Michael 333 NEH
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, gives

THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

All sit. Scott Gentry, Form 8.8, reads

JOB 28: 12-28

JOB said: ‘But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? Mortals do not know the way to it, and it is not found in the land of the living. The deep says, “It is not in me”, and the sea says, “It is not with me.” It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed out as its price. It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls. The crysolite of Ethiopia cannot compare with it, nor can it be valued in pure gold. Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding? It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air. Abaddon and Death say, “We have heard a rumour of it with our ears.” God understands the

way to it, and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens. When he gave to the wind its weight, and apportioned out the waters by measure; when he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the thunderbolt; then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. And he said to humankind, “Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”

All stand. As the Gospel party processes to the Nave, the Choir sings:

LOCUS iste a Deo factus est, inestimabile sacramentum: irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God: a priceless and unblemished sign of his presence.

Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

Gradual, Mass for the dedication of a church

All remain standing. Emily Bradford, 6H, reads

LUKE 2: 41-52

EVERY year Jesus’s parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, ‘Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.’ He said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

All sing

THE HYMN



*LOVE will never come to an end,
Love will never come to an end,
Three things will last, faith, hope, and love,
But greatest of all is love, love, love, love.*



Like an angel I may speak,
Know the truths that others seek.
Give my goods and life away,
I am nothing without Love.

I may seem a great success,
Wisdom, wealth, or charm possess,
Yet whatever I achieve
I am nothing without love.

Love is patient, love is kind.
Love requires a truthful mind.
Love will keep no score of wrongs.
There is nothing love can't face.

Childish thoughts are put away,
Partial knowledge has its day.
Love with faith and hope endures,
There is nothing conquers love.



Love is forever,
For ever and ever, is love.

*Patrick Appleford (b 1925)
Composed for St Edward's Schools in 1985*

*Patrick Appleford
after 1 Corinthians 13*

THE ADDRESS

by
The Dean

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

THE heavens are telling the glory of God: the wonder of his work
displays the firmament.

Today that is coming speaks it the day: the night that is gone to following
night.

In all the lands resounds the word: never unperceived, ever understood.

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) from The Creation 1798

from Psalm 19: 1-4

*All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Graeme Napier, Minor Canon of
Westminster, leads*

THE THANKSGIVINGS AND PRAYERS

FOR the foresight and compassion of those who founded a Charity
School in Romford in 1710, and for all who provided the resources and
the will to improve the lives of disadvantaged children through education,
let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Emmanuelle Owayele, Head Girl:

For the opportunity to learn, for the richness of knowledge imparted and
gained, and for the immeasurable value of service offered to the community
over the past three hundred years, let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Jonathan Olusina, 6B:

Let us pray for students, staff, and governors, both past and present; that St
Edward's Schools may build on the foundations laid by former generations;
and that we may continue to be a community in which we value knowledge,
wisdom, and one another, and where the love of God is known and enjoyed.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Jonathan Maltz, Head Boy:

For those who support the work of the schools nationally, in our local authority and diocese, and for parents, students, and volunteers who give time, skills, and resources for the benefit of those who are preparing for life after school.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Marlin Manduakila, 6M:

For St Edward's Schools in times to come, that with Jesus Christ as teacher and guide, they may continue to be places of love and compassion, teaching and learning, fellowship and friendship, to the good of all who there teach and learn.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Reverend Stephen Waine, Chair of Governors:

ALMIGHTY God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with St Edward and all your saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Minor Canon concludes:

All these our prayers and praises let us now present before our heavenly Father, in the prayer our Saviour Christ has taught 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

All sit. The Primary School and Secondary School dancers, accompanied by the Secondary School Band, perform:

Lean on me

Bill Withers (b 1938)

All remain seated for

THE PROCESSION OF THE TRUST DEED

The Trust Deed is borne through the church by the Chairman of the Governing Body and escorted by students and staff of the Schools:

Erica-Faith Lindsay, 6B
Adam McKie, Head Boy

Henry Beckett, 6M
Hollie Rayner, Head Girl

The Trust Deed
borne by

The Reverend Stephen Waine, Chair of Governors

The Reverend Alan Perry
Head Teachers

Petula Allen

The Trust Deed is laid upon the High Altar.

The Dean says:

O GOD who of old inspired your servants to found in Romford a Charity School for the instruction of children in reading and writing, and in the knowledge and practice of the Christian faith: we thank you for all the blessings of these past three hundred years, and we pray that, building upon these sure foundations, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone, St Edward's Schools may continue to be places where sound learning and good teaching may flourish and abound, to the increase of wisdom, and in the fear of the Lord: through the same Jesus Christ your Son, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All stand for

THE VENERATION AT THE SHRINE OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

The Dean, the Head Teachers, the Chair of Governors, and students from both schools enter the Chapel of St Edward.

The Dean says:

O SOVEREIGN God, who set your servant Edward upon the throne of an earthly kingdom and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven: grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ by word and deed, that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the Shrine is censed, the Flute Ensemble plays:

Fay Nay Prithe John

anonymous

The Chair of Governors says:

ALMIGHTY God, whose servant Edward confessed the faith of Christ in life and in death: bless those who labour in all places under his patronage with such wisdom, gentleness, and charity, that all institutions built in his honour may continue to proclaim the faith of Christ anew to each generation; this we ask for the sake of him who comes among us as one who serves, and who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

THE HYMN



YE watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia!

O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia.
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia!

Thou monarch blest of great renown,
thou who dost wear the victor's crown;
Alleluia, Alleluia.
O great Confessor, sainted king,
O holy Edward, with us sing,
Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia!

Lasst uns erfreuen 478 NEH
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
adapted from Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)
verse 4 by Graeme Napier
(b 1966)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Music after the service:

Final from Symphonie I Op 14

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the west end of the church.

Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places until directed to move by the Stewards.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the work of Watoto Children's Charity.

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

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