

# Provincial Grand Lodge of West Wales



# Church Service Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 3.00 pm

# St Elli Church Llanelli

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### **Processional Hymn**

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto; praise, laud and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel-host Be praise and glory evermore.

# The Introduction

# The Minister says:

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 thanksgiving; 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:

#### Remain seated or 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 Minister says:

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

The Minister sings:

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.

# The Ministry of the Word

# Psalmody (Psalm 111)

- 1. Praise ye the Lord. \* I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: in the company of the upright and among the congregation.
- 2. The works of the Lord are great: sought out by all them that have pleasure therein.
- 3. His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

- 4. He hath made his marvellous works to be had in remembrance : the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5. He hath given food unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6. He hath showed his people the power of his works : for he gave them the heritage of the nations.
- 7. The works of his hands are faithful and just: all his commandments are true.
  - 8. They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.
- 9. He sent redemption unto his people \* he commanded his covenant for ever : holy is his name and to be held in awe.
- 10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom \* a good understanding have all they that do there-after: his praise endureth for ever.

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.

Sit

The First Lesson. (Isaiah 58: 6-12)

Read by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

# Hymn No. 2

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; Tender to me the promise of His word; In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done; His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His Holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted high. Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Sit

The Second Lesson. (Philippians 2: 1-11 & 14-18)

Read in Welsh by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. Even if I am to be poured as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

#### Stand

# The Magnificat

- 1. My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
  - 2. For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden.
  - 3. For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4. For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His name.

- 5. And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations.
- 6. He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and exalted the humble and meek.
- 8. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.
- 9. He, remembering His mercy: hath helped His servants Israel;
- 10. As He promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

#### Sit

The Gospel. (Matthew 25: 31-46)

Read by the Provincial Grand Master.

#### Stand

#### The Nunc Dimittis

- 1. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.
- 2. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples.
- 3. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

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.

# Hymn No. 3 / Emyn 3

Wele'n sefyll rhwng y myrtwydd Wrthrych teilwng o'm holl fryd, Er o ran yr wy'n ei 'nabod Ef uwch holl wrthrychau'r byd: Hyfryd fore! Caf ei weled fel y mae. Rhosyn Saron yw ei enw, Gwyn a gwridog, teg ei bryd; Ar ddeng mil y mae'n rhagori O wrthrychau penna'r byd: Ffrind pechadur, Dyma'r llywydd ar y môr.

Beth sydd imi mwy a wnelwyf Ag eilunod gwael y llawr? Tystio'r wyf nad yw eu cwmni I'w gystadlu a'm Iesu mawr: O am aros Yn ei gariad ddyddiau f'oes!

# **Prayers, Collects and Intercessions**

## The Minister sings:

The Lord be with you:

And with your spirit.

Let us pray:

#### Sit or Kneel

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.

Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw; deled dy deyrnas; gwneler dy ewyllys; megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd. Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol. A maddau i ni ein dyledion, fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr. Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; either gwared ni rhag drwg. Amen.

# The Minister sings:

O Lord, shew 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 for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who has given us thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us in all adversities; who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### **Collect for Peace**

Almighty God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and that, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, we pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The Third Collect

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

The Minister says - We continue in prayer.....

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Gras ein Harglwydd Iesu Grist, a chariad Duw, a chymdeithas yr Ysbryd Glân, a fo gyda ni oll byth bythoedd. Amen.

# Hymn No. 4

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Sit

# The Address

Worshipful Bro. Reverend Aled W Lewis *Provincial Grand Chaplain* 

## Hymn No. 5

(During which a collection will be made for the mission and ministry of St Elli's Church, Llanelli)

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing His power and His love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old, Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy Ransomed creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

# The Ending

# Remain Standing

#### The Minister says:

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip us with everything good, that we may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen**.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those near and dear to you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

## The Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth, and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Wales extends its sincere thanks to Canon Huw Mosford and the faithful of St Elli's for the use of the church to hold this service.