

The Form and Order of the Service

for the

Blessing and Dedication

of a

Peal of Eight Bells

by the

Right Reverend Father in God

John

by divine permission

Bishop of Derby

in

Brampton

St. Thomas the Apostle

Parish Church

on Saturday, 12th September,

1936, at 3 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (A. & M. 298, 2ND TUNE).

PRAISE, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransom'd, heal'd, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing;
Alleluia ! Alleluia !
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Alleluia ! 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;
Alleluia ! Alleluia !
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him,
Gather'd in from every race;
Alleluia ! Alleluia !
Praise with us the God of grace. *Amen.*

When the Bishop, Clergy and Choir have taken their places in the Sanctuary and Chancel the Bishop shall say:

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

V. Sing we merrily unto God our strength;

R. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

V. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound;

R. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Then the following Chapter shall be read:

AND the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of beaten work shalt thou make them: and thou shalt use them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them, all the congregation shall gather themselves unto thee at the door of the tent of meeting. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the Lord your God. (Numbers 10, 1-3 and 10.)

R. Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you;

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Accept, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this gift which we offer for Thy service, and grant that these Bells now to be blessed and dedicated may ring out to Thy glory, and for the calling together of Thy faithful people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM 96. *Cantate Domino.*

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen:
and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him:
power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people:
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord, the honour due unto his Name:
bring presents, and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:
and that it is he that hath made the round world so fast
that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the
people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people
with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. *Amen.*

*While this Psalm is sung the Bishop with the Rector and Church-
wardens shall proceed to the place beneath the Tower.*

The Dedication.

The Churchwardens presenting the ropes of the Bells to the Bishop shall say:

Right Reverend Father in God, we request you to bless and dedicate this peal of eight bells to the glory and praise of God.

The Bishop:

I am willing so to do.

And he shall say:

Almighty God, Who in the Ancient Law didst command to make silver trumpets for the calling of solemn assemblies; Be pleased to accept this offering at our hands: Bless, sanctify, and hallow these Bells, and grant that they may call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy Holy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall ring these Bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and may be counted worthy to stand with those who praise Thee in the heavenly Jerusalem, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we bless and dedicate the peal of eight Bells set in the tower above to the glory of God and in memory of His servants, Stephen Melland, and of Godfrey Melland May, sometime voluntary organist in this church, and of William Melland, priest, in the Name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Bishop placing the ropes in the hands of the Rector shall say:

Receive these Bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this Church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.

Then A SHORT PEAL SHALL BE RUNG on the bells while the Bishop's procession returns to the Sanctuary.

The Bishop shall say:

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord, that they who shall be called by the sound of these Bells to thy house of prayer may enter into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who as they go about their daily work shall hear the sound of these Bells, may be stirred inwardly in their hearts, and drawn nearer in spirit to thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who shall minister to thy service by ringing these Bells, may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and, uniting in the worship of thy Church on earth, may be found worthy to stand with those who praise thee evermore in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they for whose marriage these Bells shall ring, may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and inherit thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who by reason of sickness or other necessity shall be hindered from coming into thy house, may be reminded by these Bells of the prayers of thy Church, and rejoice in the communion of Thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they, for whose passing these Bells shall sound, may be received into the Paradise of thine elect, and find refreshment, light, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED be thy Name, O Lord, for that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to offer this gift for thy worship: Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear (especially for thy servants, Stephen Melland, Godfrey Melland May, and William Melland), and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN. (TUNE A. & M. 431.)

RING forth, Holy Bells,
Ring forth from your Tower,
With Music that tells
Of Christ's saving Power;
Ring forth in the hearing
Of Old men and Young,
And greet the God-fearing
With each iron tongue.

Ring forth, merry chime,
Declaring to all
That now is the time
To come to Christ's call;
To Matron and Maiden,
To Father and Boy,
To Saint and Sin-laden,
Give tidings of Joy.

Loud, loud be your Praise,
That all men may hear
The Anthem ye raise,
Resounding and clear;
Proclaim Christ is Risen,
Exalted and Crowned,
And hath open'd Death's Prison
And set free the Bound.

The Sermon

by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Derby.

HYMN. (TUNE M. 215.)

THE sacred Bells of England
How gloriously they ring !
From ancient tower and steeple,
For cottager, for king ;
We love to hear their voices
While o'er the fields we roam ;
How sweet to think the echo
May reach our Heavenly Home !

Church Bells of happy England ;
Your songs of olden time,
Are chanted down the ages,
For Vespers and for Prime ;
On merry Christmass morning,
On holy Easter Day,
Fulfil your festal calling,
Bid Churchfolk up and pray.

Church Bells of Christian England !
Ring out your message wide,
Whene'er our Lord is blessing
The bridegroom and the bride ;
Or when the tenor tolling,
With passing-knell we hear,
May one and all remember
A soul to God is near.

Ringers of Happy England !
Who peal in earthly fane
For Christ our Lord and Master
(He all your homage claims) ;
Complete your sacred office
While pilgrims on this strand,
That ye may swell the praises
In that Eternal Land.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

GOD save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King.
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us ;
God save the King Amen.

Let us pray.

O FATHER of Light and God of all Truth, purge the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions, and sins. Beat down the standard of Satan, and set up everywhere the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the Kingdom of Grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition; charity over hatred, envy, and malice; purity and temperance over lust and excess; meekness over passion; and disinterestedness and poverty of spirit over covetousness; and the love of this perishing world. Let the Gospel of Christ, in faith and practice, prevail throughout the world; through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, Who dost govern all things in Heaven and Earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant to this Parish all things that are needful for its spiritual and bodily welfare. Bless Thy priests and all who labour for Thee in their work and in their lives. Strengthen the faithful; guard the children; visit and relieve the sick; comfort the afflicted; supply the wants of those that need; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the spread of Thy Truth; inflame our hearts with love for Thine Altar; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; to the honour and glory of Thy Ever Blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

Inscriptions.

On the TENOR bell:

IN MEMORY OF
STEPHEN MELLAND 1813-1889
OF THE LONGLANDS BRAMPTON
AND IN MEMORY OF
GODFREY MELLAND MAY 1857-1915
OF ORCHARD COTTAGE BRAMPTON
BY WHOM AND WHOSE WIDOW
FRANCES ELIZABETH SMITH MAY
THE PEAL OF BELLS IN THIS TOWER
WAS GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

1936

HUBERT JOHN SILLITOE, Hon. C.F., Rector.

JOHN AUSTIN }
HENRY HUBBUCK } Churchwardens.

Revelation xxii., 17.

on the 7th bell:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF
THE REVEREND WILLIAM MELLAND
BORN AT BRAMPTON MANOR 1817
DIED 1900.

