

A Service of Celebration

Preparation

The Welcome Rev Canon Jo Loveridge, Team Rector, Hertford Team Ministry

Introit O Taste and See – Vaughan Williams (Composed for the 1953 Coronation)

Hymn 368 All my hope on God is founded

- 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 God's great goodness ay endureth, Deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendour, light, and life attend him, Beauty springeth out of nought. Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
- Daily doth the 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.

Greeting Rt Revd, Dr Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

$A\parallel$ and also with you.

We gather this day to worship almighty God, and to pray for our King, that, both now and always, God may grant him wisdom and grace for his ministry among us.

Loyal Address Mr Robert Voss CBE CStJ, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire

Prayers of Penitence Rev Canon Jo Loveridge

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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 life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn 442 God is love

- 1 God is Love: let heav'n adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice. He who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heav'ns above, he who breathes through all creation, he is Love, eternal Love.
- 2 God is Love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace; with unfailing grasp he holdeth every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.
- 3 God is Love, and though with blindness sin afflicts the souls of men, God's eternal loving-kindness holds and guides them even then. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40.12-17,25-end Cllr Mrs Susan Barber, Mayor of Hertford

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

 $A \parallel$ Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20 Sung by the choir

Luke 22.24-30 Ms Annie Brewster, Chairman, Hertfordshire County Council

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Serving the Community

Citizen's Advice Bureau

Ms Charlotte Blizzard-Welch Chief Executive at Citizens Advice Stevenage

Hymn 393 Brother, Sister, let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, Fellow trav'llers on the road; We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you In the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen the journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony. Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant too.

CDAHerts

Ms Kate Bellinis Chief Executive CDA Herts

Anthem O be joyful in the Lord - Britten (Commissioned by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh 1961)

FoodBank

Mrs Janet Bird BEM Hertford & District FoodBank

Prayers

Almighty God, you reign over all things in wisdom, power, and love. Hear our prayers which we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jake Cooksy, Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, prays

For Charles our King, that you may pour upon him abundant gifts to help him fulfil the promises made at his coronation:

Lord, in your mercy

 $A \parallel$ hear our prayer.

That he will have the grace, wisdom, and strength to live a life of service to you and to his people:

Lord, in your mercy

 $A \parallel$ hear our prayer.

Sydni Faulkner, Mayor's Cadet, prays

For Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that they may love and support the King as he bears the burden of his office:

Lord, in your mercy

 $A \parallel$ hear our prayer.

For this United Kingdom, for His Majesty's other Realms and Territories, for the whole Commonwealth of Nations, for their governments and ministers, and for all who are called to public service, that they will seek justice, mercy, and peace:

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer

Soraia Jorge, Head Chorister All Saints Church, prays

For the building up of the Church under its Supreme Governor, for the building up of all Christian people, and for mutual understanding and fellowship between all people of faith:

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of all people, for those who care for others and for the environment, and for all in need:

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

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.

Hymn 81 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us, Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care; for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain; hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Conclusion

The Dismissal

The Blessing Bishop Jane

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The National Anthem is sung:

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.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Organ: Crown Imperial – Walton (Composed for the 1937 Coronation)

Music led by the choir of All Saints Church Director of Music: Martin Penny Organist: John Norris