

The Ancient Borough of Cowbridge
with Llanblethian
Town Council

CIVIC SERVICE



Sunday 5 July 1998
in the Parish Church
of the Holy Cross
Cowbridge
at 10.30 am

Town Mayor: Councillor Graham Phillips

Preacher: Revd Robert M E Paterson BA, MA (Dunelm.)
Mayor's Chaplain & Rector of Cowbridge

WELCOME

to Holy Cross Church

an ancient foundation and the Parish Church
of the Cowbridge Team of Churches
(serving the communities of Aberthun, Cowbridge, Flemingston,
Llanblethian, Llandough, Llanfrynach, Llansannor, Penllyn,
Saint Hilary, Saint Mary Church and Ystradowen)
for this Act of Worship on Civic Sunday
to pray for the Mayor and Town Council,
the other local Community Councils,
the Vale of Glamorgan Council
and the people they serve.

ABOUT THE 1998 CIVIC SERVICE ...

The Mayor and the Rector invited the local schools
and the ministers of all the churches
each to contribute to the Civic Service,
and we are delighted to have their support.
We hope you will enjoy this act of worship and be stirred by it.

The theme is a Strong and United Community

Please feel free to applaud as and when you wish.

We wish to express our gratitude to
the staff and pupils of Cowbridge Comprehensive School,
Llanfair School, Llansannor Church in Wales School,
Y Bontfaen School and Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg,
and to Cowbridge United Free Church
and St Cadoc's Roman Catholic Church.

1 Gathering for Worship

Please stand when the Town Councillors and other dignitaries enter.

Then please be seated until the first hymn begins.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *The Old Hundredth: Psalm 100*

STAND

The hymns are accompanied by musicians from the Comprehensive School

Cross, Parish Wardens, Ministers, Banners, Mace Bearers, Mayor, Town Clerk

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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 Rector welcomes the Mayor, Council, congregation and guests.

Please remain standing to pray:

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen!

2 An Old Testament reading

SIT

read by the Mayor

Isaiah 26. 1-8 [You can find this in the Pew Bibles, Old Testament page 690]

Silence follows the reading, then:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: *The Prayer of St Francis*

STAND

accompanied by children of the Primary Schools

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace.
where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

- 2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, ...

- 3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

O Master, ...

- 4 Make me a channel of your peace.
where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

3 A New Testament reading

SIT

read by the Deputy Mayor

Romans 13. 1-10 [You can find this in the Pew Bibles, New Testament page 201]

Silence follows the reading, then:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Y Bontfaen School:

From Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

4 A Gospel reading

SIT

read Welsh in dramatised form by children of Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg

Mark 12. 13-17 [You can follow this in the Pew Bibles, New Testament page 63]

Silence follows the reading, then:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Llanfair School: *On Top of the World*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: *Calon Lân*

STAND

Parents with pre-school children are welcome to take them to the Vestry now for sections 5-7 of the service.

- 1 Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus,
aur y byd na'i berlau mân,
gofyn'r wyf am galon hapus,
calon onest, calon lân.

*Calon lân yn llawn daioni,
tecach yw na'r lili dlos,
'd oes ond calon lân all ganu -
canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.*

- 2 Pe dymunwn olud bydol,
chwim adenydd iddo sydd:
gloud calon lân rinweddol
yn dwyn bythol elw fydd.

Calon lân ...

- 3 Hwyr a bore fy nymuniad
esgyn ar adenydd cân -
ar i Dduw, er mwyn fy Ngheidwad,
roddi imi galon lân

Calon lân ... [repeat refrain]

5 The Sermon

6 Affirmation of Faith

STAND

Do you believe and trust in God the Father
who created all that is?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
who redeemed humanity?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the Faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

7 The Prayers

KNEEL / SIT

The prayers (which are not printed here) have been written by and will be led by Llansannor School.

The prayers end with the Lord's Prayer in Welsh and English:

Let us pray as the Saviour taught us:

Ein Tad,
 yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,
 sancteiddier dy enw,
 deled dy deyrnas,
 gwneled 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;
 eithr gwarded ni rhag drwg.
 Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas,
 a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,
 yn oes oesoedd. Amen.

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.

8 The Conclusion

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Cwm Rhondda

STAND

If you missed one of the plates as you entered, you are now invited to contribute to the Holy Cross Parish Church Building Fund to help provide facilities for worship and service into the next century.

The banners are collected during the hymn and their bearers stand in the chancel.

- 1 Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
 pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand:
 bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore!
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
 let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

THE BLESSING

[Remain standing]

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may be filled with hope,
a bendith Duw hollalluog, y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glan,
a fo gyda chwi ac aros gyda chwi'n wastad. **Amen.**

Silence.

THE WELSH NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr gwladgarwyr tra mad,
Dros ryddid gollasant eu gwaed.

Gwlad! Gwlad!

Pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad.

Tra môr yn fur,

I'r bur hoff bau,

O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau.

[repeat refrain]

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The procession then leaves the Church:

Cross, Banners, Mace Bearers, Mayor, Town Clerk, Council, Parish Wardens, Ministers

Please would all others remain in their places until this procession has left the Church. Thank you.

Children & staff please join us for refreshments in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall.

The Mayor will meet guests in the Town Hall.

THANK YOU for joining us at this service.

Please take this service booklet home and a Pews News.

