

*Civic Service of Thanksgiving to mark the
50th Anniversary of V.J. Day*



*St. Giles Parish Church
West Bridgford
Sunday 20th August
1995*

6.30p.m.

*Mayor:
Councillor
Ray Cook*

*Rector:
Canon
Philip Humphreys*



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Rector

Welcome and Notices

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 Bidding

Minister

We are met here this evening in this parish church to thank God for the end of the second world war following the victory of the allied forces in the far east. This service is also to be an act of remembrance, bearing in mind and heart the sacrifice of so many lives in the cause of freedom, and an opportunity to pray for all those who continue to suffer as a result of war. Not least, this occasion is intended to provide a context for re-dedication that we and all our race might commit ourselves to peace and justice throughout God's world. With these high aims in mind we join together in the Lord's Prayer.

All

The Lord's Prayer (traditional form)

Minister Let us remain standing in silence as we remember
our common need of God's forgiveness
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Hear then the word of grace and the assurance of
pardon. Your sins are forgiven for his sake.

Congregation Amen. We stand forgiven.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

Congregation We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister It is indeed right. It is our duty and our joy, at all
times and in all places to give you thanks and
praise, holy father, heavenly King, almighty and
eternal God.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all
the company of heaven, we proclaim your great
and glorious name, for ever praising you and
saying -

Congregation Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength:
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved:
and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;

Though the waters rage and foam:
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:
the holy dwelling-place of the most High.

God is in the midst of her therefore she shall not be moved:
God will help her and at break of day.

The nations make uproar and the kingdoms are shaken:
but God has lifted his voice and the earth shall tremble.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come then and see what the Lord has done:
what destruction he has brought up on the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear and burns the chariots
in the fire.

'Be still and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations I will be exalted upon the
earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us:
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

First Reading
Micah Chapter 4, verses 1-5
Read by the Mayor of Rushcliffe
Councillor Ray Cook

The choir will sing 'Lord for thy tender mercies' sake' - Hilton

Hymn

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.

Oh, 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.

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
Oh, Master

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.

Second Reading
Romans Chapter 8, Verses 31-end
Canon Frank Worwood

The Act of Remembrance

On this, the 50th Anniversary of V.J. Day,
we remember all our comrades who served in
the Far East and for our today gave their
tomorrow and who laid down their lives in
the cause of peace. God grant that their
sacrifice is never forgotten.

We remember those who joined forces with our people from
every part of the commonwealth and who gave their lives for
our freedom. May the forces of evil never again divide us.

On this day of rejoicing we also need to remember before God
all the horrors of war from which we have been delivered. We
remember all those who gave their lives in this country as well
as overseas and we also remember those who died at our
hands.

Chairman
The Royal British
Legion Nottinghamshire

They shall not grow old, as we that are left
grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the
years condemn. At the going down of the sun
and in the morning, we shall remember them.

All

We will remember them.

The last post is played followed by two minutes silence

Reveille

Kohima
Burma Star Association

When you go home tell them of us and say:
for their tomorrow we gave our today.

The Pledge
by a young person to the
wartime generation

We promise to do everything possible to help
where there is need and to ensure that they,
the wartime generation, enjoy the years that
lie ahead in comfort, dignity and contentment.
This we promise as a lasting token of our
appreciation and gratitude.

Kneel or sit

The Intercessions - led by the Reverend Ken
Newcombe, the Mayor's Chaplain

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

All sit

The Sermon

Canon P.N. Humphreys
Rector of St. Giles

Hymn

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
to Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun, that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord: Thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

The 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!

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

*Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
through his eternal Son;*

*Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.*

*Stand then in his great might,
With all his strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.*

*Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul:
Take every virtue, every grace,
And fortify the whole.*

*From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down
and win the well-fought day.*

*That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.*

***“When you go home, tell them of us,
and say for your tomorrow we gave our today”***