

Order of Blessing and Opening of ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE CHAPEL OF ST. EDWARD

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THE BLESSING OF THE CHURCH

The Archbishop with mitre and crozier comes to the door of the church and says:

O God, incline unto my aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father etc.

The Archbishop goes round the church on the exterior beginning from the right and sprinkles the walls with holy water.

Meanwhile the choir sings:

Psalm 86

Antiphon: Well founded is the house of the Lord upon the solid rock.

On the holy mountain is his city cherished by the Lord. The Lord prefers the gates of Sion to all Jacob's dwellings. Of you are told glorious things, O city of God.

Repeat Antiphon

Babylon and Egypt I will count among those who know me; Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia, these will be her children and Sion shall be called 'Mother' for all shall be her children.

Repeat Antiphon

It is he, the Lord most high, who gives each his place. In his register of peoples he writes: 'These are her children', and while they dance they will sing: 'In you all find their home',

Repeat Antiphon

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you'. For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

Repeat Antiphon

Hail, Redeemer, King divine ! Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine; King whose reign shall never cease, Prince of everlasting peace !

> Angels, saints and nations sing, Praised be Jesus Christ our King; Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Calvary.

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King, whose name creation thrills, Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills, Till in peace, each nation rings, With thy praises, King of Kings.

> Angels, saints and nations sing, Praised be Jesus Christ our King; Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Calvary.

After going round the church the Archbishop stands facing the door and says:

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Archbishop: Let us pray—Almighty and everlasting God, who art present in every part of Thy Universe and everywhere dost exercise Thy power, hear our prayers and graciously protect this Church which Thou hast founded: grant that in this place no influence but Thine be felt, so that through the grace of the Holy Spirit, there may be offered to Thee pure worship and loving service. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Litany of the Saints is started at once, When the Archbishop comes to the altar, he kneels at the faldstool. All kneel and answer the Litany, which is not duplicated.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

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Holy Mary, Holy Mother of God, Holy Virgin of Virgins, St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael,

Pray for us.

All you holy Angels and Archangels, All you holy orders of blessed spirits, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph. All you holy Patriachs and Prophets, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew, St. John, All you holy Apostles and Evangelists, All you holy Disciples of Our Lord

Pray for us.

St. Stephen, St. Laurence, St. Vincent, All you holy Martyrs, St. Silvester, St. Gregory, St. Augustine,

Pray for us.

All you holy Bishops and Confessors, All you holy Doctors, St. Anthony, St. Benedict, St. Dominic, St. Francis, All you holy Priests and Levites, All you holy Monks and Hermits, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Agnes, St. Cecilia, St. Agatha, St. Anastasia,

All you holy Virgins and Widows,

Pray for us.

All you holy men and women, Saints of God, Make intercession for us. Be merciful, Spare us, O Lord ! Be merciful, Graciously hear us, O Lord !

From all evil,

From all sin,

From everlasting death,

Through the mystery of your holy Incarnation,

Through your Coming,

Through your Nativity,

Through your Baptism and holy Fasting,

Through your Cross and Passion,

Through your Death and Burial,

Through your holy Resurrection,

Through your wonderful Ascension,

Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,

In the Day of Judgment,

We sinners,

That you would spare us,

That you would govern and preserve your holy Church,

That you would preserve our Apostolic Prelate and all orders of the Church in holy religion,

That you would humble the enemies of your holy Church,

That you would give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,

That you would confirm and preserve us in your holy service,

That you would render eternal blessings to our benefactors,

That you would give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That you would give eternal rest to all the faithful departed

O Lord deliver us.

We beseech You, hear us. The Archbishop stands and taking the crozier faces the people and says: That you would visit this place

	That you would visit this place,
All:	We beseech You, hear us.
Archbishop:	That you would send your Angels to guard it,
All:	We beseech You, hear us.
Archbishop:	That you would+bless this Church erected in your honour and in your name.
All:	We beseech You, hear us.

The Archbishop gives up the crozier and kneels at the faldstool.

That You would hear us,-We beseech You, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

After the Litany the Archbishop stands, gives up the mitre, and facing the altar says:

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Archbishop: Let us pray—Be glorified, O Lord our God, in this Thy holy place and take possession of this Church erected to the glory of Thy name, so that Thy adopted children, inspired in all things by Thy grace, may never cease to praise Thee. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Taking the mitre the Archbishop goes round the interior of the church sprinkling the walls with Gregorian Water, starting from behind the Altar and going to the Gospel side first. Meawhile the Choir sings.

Psalm 83

Antiphon: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.

 My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

Antiphon.

 The sparrow herself finds a home and the swallow a nest for her brood; She lays her young by your altars. Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Antiphon.

3. They are happy who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the road to Sion.

Antiphon.

4. As they go through the Bitter Valley, they make it a place of springs. They walk with ever growing strength. They will see the God of gods in Sion.

Antiphon.

5. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

Antiphon.

6. One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. The threshold of the house of God I prefer to the dwelling of the wicked.

Antiphon.

7. For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield; he will give us his favour and glory. The Lord will not refuse any good to those who walk without blame.

Antiphon.

Lord God of hosts, happy the man who trusts in you.

Archbishop:	Let us pray—O God, who dost sanctify all places dedicated to Thy name, pour forth Thy grace upon this house of prayer and grant that all who call Thee in this church may receive the unfailing assistance of they loving mercy.
	of they loving mercy.

People:	Amen.
Archbishop:	The Lord be with you.
All:	And also with you.
Archbishop:	Let us bless the Lord.
All:	Thanks be to God.

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Psalm 99)

Antiphon:

Arise, come to your God, sing him your songs of rejoicing.

> Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

Repeat Antiphon.

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Repeat Antiphon.

Go within his gates giving thanks. Enter his courts with songs of praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Repeat Antiphon.

Indeed, how good is the Lord. eternal his merciful love: he is faithful from age to age.

Repeat Antiphon.

Give glory to the Father Almighty, to his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts.

Repeat Antiphon.

The congregation recites the entrance song:

Antiphon: All you peoples, clap your hands; with joyful voices shout to God. For the Lord is most high and terrible; a great king over all the earth.

He enslaves people under us; and the nations under our feet. He chooses our inheritance for us; the glory of Jacob whom he loves.

God has ascended with shouts of joy; the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Sing psalms to the Lord, sing psalms; sing psalms to our King, sing psalms.

For King of all the earth is God; sing psalms of praise to him. God is reigning over the nations, God is sitting on his holy throne.

The princes of the people are gathered with the God of Abraham; for the rulers of the earth belong to God.

He is the Most High.

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.

Antiphon: All you peoples, clap your hands; with joyful voices shout to God. For the Lord is most high and terrible; a great king over all the earth.

The Kyrie Eleison.

- Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.
- *People*: Lord, have mercy.
- Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.
- *People*: Christ have mercy.
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- *People*: Christ have mercy.
- Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.
- *People*: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,

CelebrantAnd on earth peace to men who are God's friends.andWe praise thee.People:We bless thee.We adore thee.We glorify thee.We give thee thanks for thy great glory.Lord God, heavenly King, God the almighty Father.Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son.Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.Thou who takest away the sins of the world, havemercy on us.Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive

Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers.

Thou who art seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For thou alone art the Holy One.

Thou alone art the Lord.

Thou alone art the Most High, Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit; in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, your providence never fails to govern us aright. Humbly we ask you to take all harmful things away and to give everything that may help us: through our Lord . . .

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Bestow on your servants, Lord, we pray, the gift of heavenly grace. The childbearing of the blessed Virgin was the beginning of their salvation. May this feast in honour of her Visitation bring them an increase of peace: through our Lord ...

People:

Sit for the first Lesson. At the end of the Lesson.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gradual.

Amen.

Come, children, listen to me: I will teach you the People: fear of the Lord. Come to him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be made ashamed. Alleluia, alleluia. All you peoples, clap your hands; with joyful voices shout to God. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. Celebrant:

People: And also with you.

Celebrant : A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel

Praise to thee, O Christ. People:

The Creed.

Celebrant: I believe in one God.

Celebrant The almighty Father, maker of heaven and earth. and Maker of all things, visible and invisible.

People:

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ. The only-begotten Son of God.

Born of the Father before time began.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God:

Begotten, not made, one in substance with the Father; And through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (Bow)

Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was made man.

For our sake, too, under Pontious Pilate, he was crucified, suffered death, and was buried.

The third day he rose from the dead, as the scriptures foretold.

He ascended into heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Together with the Father and the Son he is adored and glorified;

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He it was who spoke through the prophets. I believe in ane, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I profess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The BIDDING PRAYER is now said for which the people remain standing.

Celebrant: Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Verse:

As though it were burnt offerings of rams and bulls, and with thousands of fat lambs such may our sacrifice be in your sight this day that it may please you: for those who trust in you cannot be put to shame, O Lord.

Offertory Hymn:

O king of might and splendour, Creator most adored, This sacrifice we render To thee as sovereign Lord. May these, our gifts, be pleasing Unto thy majesty, Mankind from sin releasing Who have offended thee.

Thy body thou has given, Thy blood thou hast outpoured, That sin might be forgiven, O Jesu, loving Lord. As now with love most tender Thy death we celebrate, Our lives in self-surrender To thee we consecrate.

Celebrant: Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice from your hands, to the praise and glory of his name. For our good also and for that of all his holy Church. Celebrant:

Let us pray.

O God, you have consecrated the various sacrifices of the Old Law into a single perfect sacrifice. Receive this offering which your faithful servants bring to you. Make it holy with the blessing which you gave Abel's offerings. May the salvation of each of us be assured by what each of us has brought now to the glory of your name: through our Lord. Amen.

People:

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Amen.

Lord, may the Humanity of your only-begotten Son be our help. May he who, born of a Virgin, did not lessen her integrity but consecrated it, make our offering acceptable to you on this feast of the Visitation. May he take away our sins, Jesus Christ, our Lord: who lives and reigns. Amen.

People:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us lift up our hearts.

People: We have raised them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and fitting.

Celebrant:

Truly it is meet and right,

it is our duty, it is our salvation

to thank you always and everywhere

to thank you, Lord

holy Father

God almighty and everlasting.

With your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit

You are one God, one Lord

not in the oneness of a single person

but in the Trinity of one substance.

For what we believe from your revelation

concerning your glory

the same also do we believe of your Son and of the Holy Spirit

without difference or distinction.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead we adore distinction in persons

unity in substance

and equality in majesty.

All this the Angels and Archangels

the Cherubim also and the Seraphim do praise.

They never cease to cry out as with one voice.

Celebrant	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
and	Thy glory fills all heaven and earth.
People:	Hosanna in the highest.
	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
	Hosanna in the highest.

The Canon of the Mass.

At the end of the prayers after the Consecration the celebrant raises the Host and Chalice and says aloud:-

Per ipsum, et cum ipso, et in ipso, est tibi Deo Patri omnipotenti, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, omnis honor et gloria, per omnia saecula saeculorum.

Peopl	le:	Amen.
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Celebrant:	Let us pray.
	Mindful of our Saviour's bidding, and of the prayer he
	gave us, we take heart and say: -

Celebrant	Our Father, who art in heaven,
and	Hallowed be thy name.
People :	Thy kingdom come.
	Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
	Give us this 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.

Celebrant: Deliver us, we pray thee, Lord, From every evil, past, present and to come. And through the intercession of the blessed and glorious Ever-virgin Mary, Mother of God, Of thy blessed apostles Peter and Paul, Of St. Andrew and all the Saints, Grant, in thy goodness, peace in our day, So that, with thy merciful help, We may be ever free from sin and safe from all disquiet. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, For ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
and People:	have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
	have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

During Communion, the following hymn will be sung:-

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast; Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest; Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be; O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me; So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign; In death's dread moments make me only thine; Call me, and bid me come to thee on high, When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Communion Verse:

Bow down your ear to me; make haste and come to free me.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer after Communion.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Lord, may your healing power mercifully free us from our evil desires, and lead us to do what is right: through our Lord . . .

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We have received, Lord, the sacred mysteries celebrated on this yearly festival. Grant, we pray, that they may be profitable for our healing for this life and for all eternity: through our Lord . . .

People: Amen.

Archbishop's Blessing.

Recessional Hymn.

Psalm 135

- O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, Great is his love, love with-out end. give thanks to the God of Gods, Great is his love, love with-out end. give thanks to the Lord of Lords, Great is his love, love with-out end.
- Who a-lone has wrought mar-vellous works, Great is his love, love with-out end. whose wisdom it was made the skies, Great is his love, love with-out end. who spread the earth on the seas. Great is his love, love with-out end.
- 3. It was he who made the great lights. Great is his love, love with-out end. the sun to rule in the day. Great is his love, love with-out end. the moon and stars in the night. Great is his love, love with-out end.
- 4. The first-born of the E-gyp-tians he smote Great is his love, love with-out end. brought Israel out from their midst, Great is his love, love with-out end. arm out-stretched, with power in his hand. Great is his love, love with-out end.
- 5. He di-vided the Red Sea in two, Great is his love, love with-out end. made Israel pass through the midst, Great is his love, love with-out end. flung Pharaoh and his force in the sea, Great is his love, love with-out end.
- 6. Through the desert his peo-ple he led Great is his love, love with-out end. nations in their great-ness he struck, Great is his love, love with-out end. kings in their splen-dour he slew, Great is his love, love with-out end.
- He let Israel in-her-it their land, Great is his love, love with-out end. on his servant their land he be-stowed, Great is his love, love with-out end. he re-membered us in our dis-tress. Great is his love, love with-out end.

8. And he snatched us a way from our foes, Great is his love, love with-out end. he gives food to all liv-ing things, Great is his love, love with-out end. to the God of hea-ven give thanks. Great is his love, love with-out end.

SCHOOL SONG

First Verse

Oft at twilight's mystic hour,

Our labours o'er, our minds at rest; We'll snatch a mite from Memory's dower, And live again our school life blest:

With rapturous joy each voice will ring, And Alma Mater's praises sing.

Refrain

Long live and flourish then Edwardians, Of Truth, Faith and Honour loyal guardians: Let hopes we cherish, and memories too,

To our ideals keep us true:

On! On! let us rally one and all, Victories in class and field do we recall: As Youth unfurls, shrine School-days' pearls in golden Memory.