HOLTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, Barry

SERVICE of RECEPTION and WELCOME

To the

Rev. W. ARTHEN EDWARDS

(MINISTER-ELECT)

Wednesday, 9th July, 1952, at 3 p.m.

Presiding Minister:

Rev. Griffith J. Harris

(Cardiff)

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. R. J. ROSSER.

The Order of Service will be followed without announcement.

The Congregation is requested to rise with the Choir,

except for the Anthem

ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY Adagio and March 'Occasional Overture' Handel

INTROIT (all standing) Chant 19: The Lord is my Shepherd (Walmisley in F)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN

Praise, my soul (Goss)
(B.C.H. 579)

First and Fourth verses in Unison

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

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

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Rev. R. G. Ashman, M.A., Ph.D.

GENERAL CONFESSION (to be said by all)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; but Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may, hereafter, live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Richmond (B.C.H. 513)

Last verse in Unison

City of God, how broad and far Outspread thy walls sublime! The true thy chartered freemen are, Of every age and clime.

One holy Church, one army strong, One steadfast high intent, One voice to raise one triumph-song, One King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down From man's primeval youth! How grandly hath thine empire grown Of freedom, love, and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night
With never-fainting ray!
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,
To meet the dawning day!

In vain the surges' angry shock,
In vain the drifting sands;
Unharmed upon the eternal Rock
The eternal City stands.

Samuel Johnson

LESSON

2 Corinthians, xii, 4-13

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SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER

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OFFERTORY on behalf of the work and witness of the church VOLUNTARY: Choral Prelude on 'Hanover'

Alec Rowley

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERTORY

Rev. R. G. Ashman

ANTHEM

Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings

STATEMENT by Rev. Alun J. Davies, of Whitland, Pembrokeshire

STATEMENT by Rev. William Davies, B.A., Secretary of the

East Glamorgan English Baptist Association

Come down, O Love Divine,
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour
glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

Oh, let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His

dwelling.

Bianco da Siena,

tr. Richard Frederick Littledale

ADDRESS

The Presiding Minister

PRAYER

HYMN

Nun Danket

Last verse in Unison

(B.C.H. 11)

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Martin Rinckart; tr. Catherine Winkworth

BLESSING