

HOLTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, Barry

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SERVICE of  
RECEPTION and WELCOME

*To the*

Rev. W. ARTHEN EDWARDS

(MINISTER-ELECT)

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

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*Presiding Minister :*

Rev. Griffith J. Harris

(Cardiff)

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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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN

*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;  
Unharm'd upon the eternal Rock  
The eternal City stands.

*Samuel Johnson*

LESSON

2 Corinthians, xii, 4-13

Rev. R. G. Ashman

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER

Rev. R. G. Ashman

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

# HYMN

*Down Ampney*  
(B.C.H. 189)

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*  
(B.C.H. 11)

Last verse in Unison

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

VOLUNTARY Adagio from Toccata and Fugue in C Major *Bach*