EXETER COLLEGE

COMMEMORATION
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SUNDAY 14 JUNE
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WELCOME TO EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL

Since Walter de Stapeldon founded the College in 1314 the College has relied on the kindness and generosity of its benefactors; from the tithes of the parish of Gwinear in Cornwall to gifts from Old Members. It is fitting and right not only to commemorate and give thanks for their generosity, but to remind us, the current members of Stapeldon’s Foundation of the purposes of our College: to education and to prepare for a life of service in the world. This is reflected in the Bidding Prayer, which although replete with imagery of Crown and State, reflects the C16th understanding of society where all contribute to the common good; an ideal that is not out of place in C21st.

The officiant and preacher is the Chaplain and Bishop Radford Official Fellow; the organ is played by Theodore Hill for the hymn ‘All people that on earth do dwell’, and was recorded at the 2019 Leavers’ Service. Christopher Holman, Junior Organ Scholar plays the organ for the rest of the pieces. The hymns ‘Jerusalem the golden’ and ‘O praise ye the Lord’ were recording insolation, as was the Introit, ‘I was glad’. James Short conducted. Many alumni joined in the singing of this piece. The anthem ‘Bring us, O Lord God’, by Harris, is taken from the CD ‘One thing have I desired’, conducted by Alistar Reid, and Bruckner’s ‘Os justi’ is from Stephen Wood’s CD, ‘Salve Regina’. The Rector read the Bidding Prayer; Will Dobbs, JCR President read the lesson from Proverbs, and the MCR President, Laurence Mc Kellar read the second lesson.
THE INTROIT

I was glad when they said unto me
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122
Music: C.H.H. Parry, Exeter College 1867
Recorded in isolation with current and former choristers.

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 forever 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. Amen.

Words: W. Kethe, d. 1594
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter 1551,
arr. R. Vaughan Williams 1953.

¶ the Rector reads

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Ye shall pray for Christ’s holy catholic church, that is, for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed through the whole world, and especially for the Churches throughout this land; and herein for the Queen’s most excellent majesty, our sovereign lady, Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other realms and territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, defender of the faith.

Ye shall also pray for the ministers of God’s holy word and sacraments, as well archbishops and bishops, as other pastors and clergy; for the Queen’s most honourable council; for the high court of parliament; and for all the magistrates of this realm; that all and every of these, in their several callings, may serve truly and diligently, to the glory of God, and the edifying and well governing of his people, remembering the account that they must make when they shall stand before the judgement seat of Christ.

Also ye shall pray for the whole commons of the realm that they may live in true faith and fear of God, in dutiful obedience to the Queen, and in brotherly charity one to another.

And that there may never be wanting a succession of persons duly qualified for the service of God in church and state, ye shall implore his blessing on all places of religious
and useful learning, particularly on our Universities; and here in Oxford for The Right Honourable Christopher Patten, our chancellor, for the vice-chancellor, for the doctors, the proctors, and all heads of colleges and halls with their respective societies; more particularly are ye bound to pray for the good estate of Exeter College; and for the Rector, Fellows, Scholars, and all other members of this ancient College that here, and in all places specially set apart for God’s honour and service, true religion and sound learning may for ever flourish.

To these your prayers ye shall add unfeigned praises for mercies already received; for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; particularly for the advantages afford in this place by the munificence of founders and benefactors, such as were:

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*Bishop of Exeter*  
Edmund Stafford,  
*Bishop of Exeter*  
William Palmer  
Sir William Petre  
Charles the First,  
*King of England*  
John Peryam  
Sir John Acland  
George Hakewill  
Elias Hele  
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But, above all, ye shall bless God Almighty for his inestimable love in the redemption
of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of

Finally, ye shall praise God for all those who are departed out of this life in the faith of
Christ, and pray that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good example;
that, this life ended, we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection
in the life everlasting.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

PSALM 150

O praise God in his holiness!
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
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.

Music: C.V. Stanford, 1852 – 1924
THE FIRST LESSON
from Proverbs 24

This translation is from the 1611 King James Version. Thomas Holland, Rector 1592 – 1612, was a Member of the ‘First Oxford Company’, which worked on the Old Testament.

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety. Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate. He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person. My child, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

PSALM 121

Appointed in Sir William Petre’s Statutes to be said daily by members of the Foundation; this continues today at Morning Prayer.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore.
I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every one the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no one evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.
HYMN

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not, what social joys are there,
What radiance of glory, what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessèd are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast;
And they, who with their Leader, have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country, shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessèd country, shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes, the Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his forever thou shalt be, and thou art.

Words: Bernard of Cluny, C12th, trans. J.M.Neale
Tune: Ewig, A. Ewig, 1861
THE SERMON

THE ANTHEM

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heav'n: to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitation of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

Words: John Donne 1572 – 1631
Music: W. Harris 1893 – 1973

THE PRAYERS

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance:
They will not be afraid of any evil tidings.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God:
And there shall no torment touch them.

O God, we have heard with our ears and our forebears have declared unto us:
The noble works that thou didst in their days and in the old time before them.

O Lord, hear our prayer:
And let our cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O Eternal God, who art the resurrection and the life, and art always to be praised, as well in the dead as in the living: We give thee hearty thanks for thy servants our Founder and benefactors, by whose bounty we are here brought up to godliness and the studies of good learning, beseeching thee that we, well using all these thy blessings to the praise and honour of thy holy name, may at length, together with them and all thy servants departed this life be brought to the immortal glory of the Resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, the maker of all things, we give thee thanks for all members of this ancient foundation of Exeter College in the university of Oxford, who have served thee with fruitful labour for the increase of knowledge and wisdom, and for the nurture of faithful servants of thy people. As thou didst enable them to add their share to thy work, wrought out by many hands from age to age, so teach and strengthen us in this our generation; and grant that with them we may enter into thy joy in the fulfilment of thine eternal counsel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we continue in silent prayer, the choir sings:

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam:  The mouth of the righteous uttereth wisdom,  
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.  and his tongue speaketh what is just.  
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:  The law of his God is in his heart:  
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.  and his feet do not falter.  
Alleluia. Inveni David servum meum,  Alleluia. I have found David, my servant;  
oleo sancto meo unxi eum.  I have anointed him with my holy oil.  
Alleluia.
Almighty God, the maker of heaven and earth, who hast given to us all not only eyes to see, but a mind to understand the marvels of thy works, to search out thy secrets, and to discover thy hidden treasures: quicken our conscience, we pray thee, as thou dost enlighten our understanding; and grant that in heart as in mind we may become daily more perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The blessing of the God of love: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost rest, remain, and abide with you now and for ever more. Amen.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; 
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; 
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, 
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, 
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth; 
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, 
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound; 
each jubilant chord re-echo around; 
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, 
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.
O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord! Amen, amen.

Words: H. Baker, 1821 – 77
Music: Laudate Dominum C.H. H Parry

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in:
From this time forth for ever more. Amen.

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