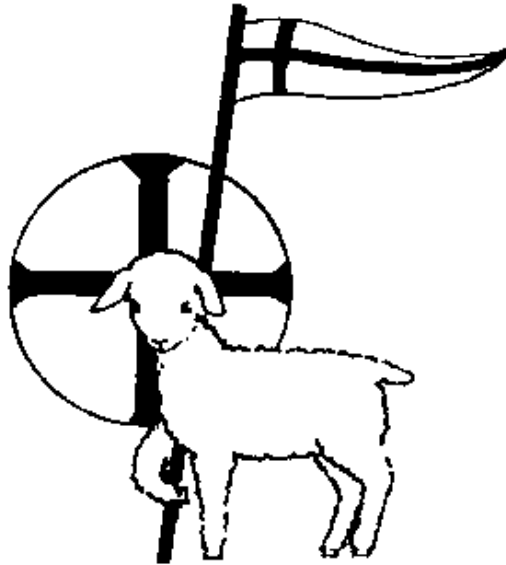


The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury
reflecting Jesus Christ...



**Choral Evensong
and
Blessing of the improved north porch**

**Saturday 17th September 2016
4.00 pm**

At 4pm the choir stands to sing

THE INTROIT

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
Inaestimabile sacramentum,
Irreprehensibilis est.
Locus iste a Deo factus est,

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.
This place was made by God.*

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824 – 1896)

All stand to sing:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred font;
for there the Holy Dove
to pour is ever wont
his blessing from above.

We love thine altar, Lord;
O what on earth so dear?
For there in faith adored,
we find thy presence near.

We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.

*Words: William Bullock, 1797- 1874; Henry Williams Baker, 1821 - 77
Music: Bishop Henry Jenner 1820-98. (NEH 471)*

Remain standing as the Vicar greets the congregation and the preacher with further words of welcome before the service continues with the Preces sung by the Choir.

Cantor. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor. O God, make speed to save us.
Choir. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Cantor. Praise ye the Lord.
Choir. The Lord's Name be praised.

Music: Richard Seal, b. 1935

Sit as the Choir sings

Psalm 122

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.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord:
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement:
even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God:
I will seek to do thee good.

Stand

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.

Sit

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28; 10 -17
read by Mr Samuel Wiggs
Chairman of the Church Development Committee

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Here endeth the first Lesson

Stand

THE MAGNIFICAT

sung to the setting in D major by Herbert Brewer (1865 – 1928)

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Sit

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Peter 2
read by Mrs Elizabeth Young
A member of the Development Committee

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Here endeth the second Lesson

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

sung to a setting in D major by Herbert Brewer (1865 – 1928)

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.**

Remaining standing as all say together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,
dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from
the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of
Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life
everlasting. Amen.

The Cantor and Choir sing the Lesser Litany:

Cantor. The Lord be with you.
Choir. And with thy spirit.

Cantor. Let us pray.

All sit or kneel

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.
Choir. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Cantor. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father,
Choir. 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. **Amen.**

Cantor. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir. And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor. O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor. O Lord, save thy people.

Choir. And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir. Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Cantor sings:

The Collect of the Day

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Choir sings the Anthem:

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair, O Lord of Hosts,
My soul ever longeth and fainteth sore for the blessed courts of the Lord;
My heart and flesh do cry unto God, cry to the living God.
Blest are they that in Thy house are dwelling,
They ever praise Thee, O Lord, for evermore.
How lovely are Thy dwellings fair.

*Music from The German Requiem
Johannes Brahms (1833 – 1897)*

THE SERMON

Preacher: The Rt Revd Humphrey Southern

Principal, Ripon College Cuddesdon. Rector of Tisbury 1999 – 2007

All stand for

PROCESSIONAL HYMN TO THE NORTH PORCH

During the singing of this hymn, a procession makes its way to the North Porch

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly,
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

*Words: George Herbert, 1593–1632
Music: Basil Harwood, 1859–1949
(NEH 394: Luckington)*

Remain standing

THE BLESSING OF THE NORTH PORCH

A fanfare sounds from the organ.

Bishop Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Voice Who is this King of glory?

People **The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.**

Psalm 24. vv- 9-10

Bishop Let us pray

The people remain standing

We give you thanks, loving God, for this parish church and house of prayer.

May all who enter it find peace and comfort; encouragement, hope and challenge.

May your name be glorified here and your people inspired to serve and to witness in this community, in their several places of work, learning and leisure, and in the wider world.

Hear us now as we dedicate to you the work that has been done on this entrance, and pray your blessing upon our plans for the coming development and refurbishing of this church that it may continue to be a blessing for all who pass this way.

The Bishop blesses the refurbished North porch and main entrance to the church, sprinkling it with holy water and saying:

‘I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord”.’ (*Psalm 122. 1*)

‘Truly this is none other than the house of God. This is the gate of heaven.’ (*Genesis 28. 17*)

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; ... whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ (1 Peter 2. 6)

‘Jesus said, “I am the gate for the sheep ... Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture”.’ (John 10. 7, 9)

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we give you thanks for this place of prayer and all who have loved it and adorned it through the ages.

+Bless, now, we pray, this entrance that through its gateway your children may pass in and out to be built into living stones to your glory and the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Voice Who is this King of glory?

People **The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.**

A fanfare sounds. The procession returns to the chancel during the singing of the following hymn as the people are sprinkled with holy water as Living Stones.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises 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 hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, Praise him!
Widely yet 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.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793 – 1847
Music: J Goss 1800-1840
(NEH 436)

All remain standing for

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

given by the Rt Revd Humphrey Southern

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the + blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Cantor and Choir sings the final responses

Cantor: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit

Cantor: Let us bless the Lord
Choir; Thanks be to God.

Music; Edward Naylor
1867 - 1934

Remain standing as the Choir and Clergy process from the church.

Organ voluntary: Marche Triomphale “Nun danket alle Gott”
(Now thank we all our God)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
1877 - 1933