



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

COMMEMORATION

FORM OF SERVICE TO BE USED ON
Saturday 27th June 2026

It was enjoined by Sir Thomas Cookes, in an indenture dated
June 22nd, 1693, that an annual Sermon should be preached in
the Parish Church to Trustees, Schoolmasters and Boys

ORGAN

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750): Prelude and Fugue in A minor; Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ. (played by Marcus Ho, LVI)

John Stanley (1712-1786): Voluntary in D major; Charles V Stanford (1852-1924): Prelude; Andante tranquillo (on a theme by Orlando Gibbons) (played by Ms Troskie, School Organist)

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

Words by J Neander (1650-80), Robert Bridges (1844-1930) Music by Herbert Howell (1892-1983)

1
All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone –
Calls my heart to be His own.

2
Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power –
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

3
God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend Him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore –
From His store,
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4
Daily doth th' Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

5
Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ His Son.
Christ doth call –
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

BIDDING PRAYER

The Headmaster

(Congregation to remain standing)

Beloved in Jesus Christ we have come together to pray for the whole Church of Jesus Christ spread throughout the world; for all Sovereigns, Princes and Governors, particularly our own gracious Sovereign, King Charles, and for all the Royal Family; for all the Ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments, and for all the clergy of the Diocese; for the great Council of the Nation in Parliament, and for Judges and Magistrates of the realm; that all these, in their callings, may serve truly and faithfully, to the Glory of God and the edifying and well-being of His people, remembering always the strict and solemn account which they must give. And for all other subjects of this realm, let us pray that they may live in the true faith and fear of God, in dutiful obedience to the King and charity one to another.

And that there may never be wanting a supply of fit persons to serve God in Church and State, let us pray for a blessing on our Universities and all Schools and Colleges, and, here in Bromsgrove, on this School, that here and in all places set apart for God's honour and service, true religion and sound learning may ever flourish and abound.

And let us give thanks to Almighty God for all His servants both living and departed, who have given of their substance or service towards the founding, building and maintenance of our School, such as his Most Excellent Majesty, King Edward VI; Sir Thomas Cookes, Baronet; Charles Whitley; Gilbert Alan Hamilton, 1st Lord Dulverton; David John Walters and Robert Gordon Routh.

Finally, let us praise God for those who are departed out of this life in His faith and fear, praying Him that we may be made partakers with them in the glorious resurrection to life everlasting.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of Heaven, in the words in which Christ Himself taught us saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

C.V.Stanford (1852-1924) - Setting in B flat

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the pow'rs therein

(Choir)

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

(Choir)

*The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true and only Son.
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.*

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

(Choir)

*When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,*

Thou didst open the Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heav'n to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glo...ry of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.

(Choir – Quartet)

*We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood,
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints, in glory everlasting.*

(Choir – Full)

*O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.*

Day by day, we magnify Thee;
And we worship, we worship Thy Name,
Ever world without end, ever world without end.

(Choir)

*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.*

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

READING: Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15

Read by Elina Quito, Head Girl

CHAPEL CHOIR and ORCHESTRA

Conducted by Mr James McKelvey

Insanae et vanae curae by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

English translation:

Frantic and futile worries flood our minds, often mad fury fills the heart, robbed of hope,
What good does it do to strive for worldly things, if you neglect heaven?
All things work in your favour with God on your side.

READING: Matthew 5:13-16

Read by Mr Alastair McClure, Deputy Head Pastoral

HYMN

Jerusalem

Words by William Blake (1757-1827) Music by Sir C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

1
And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among these dark satanic mills?

2
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

PREACHER OF SIR THOMAS COOKES' SERMON

The Reverend Dr Annette Daly
CEO of YMCA Worcestershire and Bromsgrove School Governor

HYMN

Thy hand, O God, has guided

Words by Edward H Plumptre (1821-1891) Music by Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

(During this hymn an offertory will be taken for the Parish Church)

1
Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
their wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2
Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3
When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on thy people
thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4
Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

5
And we, shall we be faithless?
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

6
. Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

PRAYERS

The Chaplain

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

(Please stand)

*God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.*

THE BLESSING

The Chaplain

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924): Toccata in G major (played by Marcus Ho, LVI)