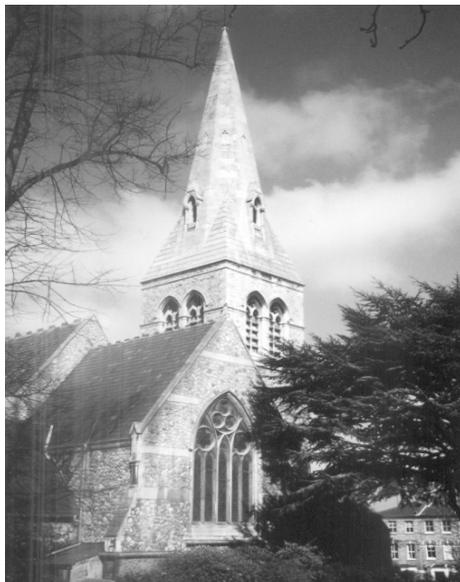


CHRIST CHURCH CROUCH END LONDON N8



150 Years of God's faithfulness

in

Christ Church

**CELEBRATION & UNVEILING
OF COMMEMORATIVE TILE
WITH
THE BISHOP OF EDMONTON
The Rt. Revd. Peter W. Wheatley**

**Tuesday 26th June 2012
07:15 pm**

Vicar
The Revd Canon Dele Agbelusi

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION - Dele Agbelusi

PROCESSIONAL HYMN : Come share with us

1.

Come, share with us, as every Christian can,
Today's rejoicing in a work of grace
Our founders, long ago, in faith began
Here where we meet, in this historic place.

2.

They saw the need: a Church divinely led;
Its ministry in mind and heart prepared
To face the pioneering tasks ahead
As faithful servants of a Christ who cared.

3.

Remember all who once were servants here,
Who served the Lord in any time and place,
And by self giving helped to make it clear
Why Christ has died to save our human race.

4.

But what of us? In its own search for truth
Each generation tests its heritage;
Still Spirit-led the Church renews its youth,
And writes, in our own time, another page.

5.

Here too we learn to follow where truth leads,
To heal the hurts that fester and divide,
Finding in dialogue with other creeds
Our faith in Christ confirmed and purified.

6.

Rejoice in this: the past confirms our hope;
The long perspective shows us God's design.
God's Kingdom comes, with ever widening scope
And calls for full commitment, yours and mine.

Fred Pratt Green 1903–2000

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The bishop greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you

EXHORTATION

As we gather at the Lord's table we must recall the promises and warnings given to us in the Scriptures and so examine ourselves and repent of our sins. We should give thanks to God for his redemption of the world through his Son Jesus Christ and, as we remember Christ's death for us and receive the pledge of his love, resolve to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Silence for Reflection

CONFESSION

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your Image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with
heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him:
have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your
sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

HYMN - King of Kings (MT)

King of kings, majesty,
God of Heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.

Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and Heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty...

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen

THE LITURGY *OF THE WORD*

(All sit)

Psalm 119: 33-40 (Responsorial)

- Richard Mercer

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;
then I will keep them to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I will keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.**

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

**Turn my heart towards your statutes
and not towards selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.**

Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

How I long for your precepts!

Preserve my life in your righteousness .

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**All As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen**

A reading from 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

- Iyabo Agbelusi

⁸ Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. ⁹ Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." ¹⁰ Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. ¹¹ When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. ¹² He gave these orders to Hilkiyah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Akbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: ¹³ "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

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Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ² He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. ³ The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

HYMN - ALL HAIL KING JESUS (MT)

All hail King Jesus
All hail Emmanuel
King of Kings
Lord of Lords
Bright Morning Star
every day You give me breath,
I'll sing Your Praises
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity.

All stand for the reading of the gospel

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7: 15-20

- Dele Agbelusi

"Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

"This is the Gospel of the Lord"

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - John Townsend

THE APOSTLES CREED (said by all) - All stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was

buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSION

David Hubbard

THE BISHOP INTRODUCES THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY

The general collection received is for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund – used for the needs of people in the Edmonton Area.

HYMN FROM COMBINED CHURCH CHOIR:

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

1.

Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

2.

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Refrain: Grace, grace...

3.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can we do to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Brighter than snow you may be today.

Refrain: Grace, grace...

4.

Marvellous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

Refrain: Grace, grace...

At the presentation of the offering,

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All: All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT (All stand)

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We thank you for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage. Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones and bring the Church to its full stature as the body of Christ throughout the world, to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem, which is the vision of your peace.

Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly, with all whose names are written in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lift up our voices to join the triumphal song of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (2ce)
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest. (2ce)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest. (2ce)**

Lord you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper
He took the cup and gave you thanks;
He gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole
world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us. (All sit)

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. now and for ever. AMEN.

BREAKING OF BREAD

The bishop breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The bishop says this invitation to communion

Draw near with faith
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**All We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious
blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and
he in us, AMEN.**

(All who are practising members of Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the directions of the church wardens/sidespersons. Those who wish to receive a blessing are asked to make that plain by keeping their hands to their sides.)

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As thou has been, thou forever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness...*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness...*

I will worship (MT)

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (With all of my heart)
I will praise you (I will praise you)
With all of my strength (With all of my strength)
I will seek you (I will seek you)
All of my days (All of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of your ways (All your ways)

Chorus

I will give you all my worship
I will give you all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)
Hail you as king (Hail you as king)
I will serve you (I will serve you)
Give you everything (Give you everything)
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to your throne (My eyes to your throne)
I will trust you (I will trust you)
I will trust you alone (Trust you alone)

Chorus: I will give you all my worship(2ce)

Because He lives (OHP) MT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Arrangement is made for the unveiling of the commemorative tile

BISHOP PETER REMEMBERS

UNVEILING OF COMMEMORATIVE TILE

(Bishop of Edmonton)

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

The bishop says

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN - Facing a task unfinished...(back page)

1.

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe Thee,
to go and make Thee known.

2.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway;
where forces that defied Thee, defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying, and pass into the night.

3.

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those,
who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our powers

4.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us, to labour for Thy sake.

**Please join us after the Service for refreshments in
the Church Hall.**

**If you are a visitor and you want to be a part of our
church family,
please pick one of our visitors' pack at the
North entrance or talk to one of our sidespersons.**