



MERTON COLLEGE

The Chapel of St Mary and St John

A MEMORIAL SERVICE  
*in thanksgiving for the life of*  
JOHN ROGER LOXDALE HIGHFIELD  
(1922-2017)

3.30pm Saturday 21 October 2017

# Welcome to Merton College Chapel.

Organ Prelude    *Prelude in E flat BWV 552*

JS Bach (1685-1750)



*All stand as the procession enters the Chapel.*

*The Chaplain welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

## HYMN

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name:  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honour and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*All sit.*

**READING** Ecclesiasticus 44.1-15  
*read by the Revd Martyn Skinner*

## PSALM 139

- 1 O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me :  
thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising;  
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
- 2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed :  
and spiest out all my ways.
- 3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue :  
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
- 4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before :  
and laid thine hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :  
I cannot attain unto it.
- 6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit :  
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
- 7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there :  
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning :  
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me :  
and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me :  
then shall my night be turned to day.
- 11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,  
but the night is as clear as the day :  
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.
- 12 For my reins are thine :  
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :  
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 14 My bones are not hid from thee :  
though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
- 15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect :  
and in thy book were all my members written;
- 16 Which day by day were fashioned :  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God :  
O how great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand :  
when I wake up I am present with thee.

- 23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart :  
prove me, and examine my thoughts.  
24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me :  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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.

**READING** 1 Corinthians 15.50-58  
*read by Sir Martin Taylor (Warden)*

## ANTHEM

*Justorum animae*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and the torment of death shall not touch them.  
In the sight of the foolish they seemed to die;  
but they are at peace.

*Wisdom 3.1-3*

**ADDRESS** *Philip Waller*  
*(Emeritus Fellow)*

## ANTHEM

*Thou wilt keep him*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stayed on thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with thee,  
but the night is as clear as the day.  
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.  
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.  
O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee,  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for evermore.

*Isaiah 26.3; Psalm 139.11;  
John 1.5; Psalm 119.175*

*All remain seated or kneel.*

## PRAYERS

*The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

*All* 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.

## HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*All remain standing as the Chaplain gives the*  
**BLESSING**

*The Warden and Fellows descend to the floor of the Chapel for the*  
**FOUNDER'S PRAYERS**

In memoria æterna erit justus.  
*All* **Ab auditu mali non timebit.**

Iustorum animæ in manu Dei sunt.  
*All* **Nec attinget eos cruciatus.**

Domine Deus resurrectio et vita credentium,  
qui semper es laudandus tam in viventibus quam in defunctis,  
agimus tibi gratias pro Fundatore nostro Waltero de Merton  
ceterisque benefactoribus nostris,  
quorum beneficiis hic ad pietatem et studia literarum alimur,  
rogantes ut nos his donis ad tuam gloriam recte utentes  
una cum illis ad resurrectionis gloriam immortalem perducamur,  
per Christum Dominum nostrum.  
*All* **Amen.**

*The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.  
Neither shall he fear any evil report.  
The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.  
Neither shall any torment touch them.*

*O Lord God, the resurrection and the life of them that believe,  
who art always to be praised as well in the living as in the dead,  
we give thee hearty thanks for our founder, Walter of Merton,  
and all our other benefactors, by whose gifts we are here nourished  
to godliness and good learning, beseeching thee  
that we rightly using these benefits to thy glory  
may come with them to the immortal glory of the last resurrection,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**VOLUNTARY**     *Fugue in E flat BWV 552*

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*All remain standing as the procession leaves the Chapel.*



*It was Roger's wish that donations in his memory  
should be given to the College's Student Support Fund.  
There will be a retiring collection today.  
Donations may also be sent to  
The Development Office,  
Merton College, Oxford, OX1 4JD  
or email [development@merton.ox.ac.uk](mailto:development@merton.ox.ac.uk).*

*Everyone is invited to join the Warden and Fellows  
for tea in the Hall and Savile Room after the service.*

