

Merton College
Oxford



The Installation of
Professor Irene Tracey
as Fifty-First Warden
of Merton College

Saturday 5th October 2019
12 noon

Welcome to the installation of Professor Irene Tracey as the fifty-first Warden of Merton College.

Professor Tracey is a Merton alumna (1985), having taken an honours degree in Biochemistry in 1989, and been awarded her DPhil in 1993. She is a highly respected neuroscientist who has worked at the forefront of neuroimaging and its application to understand acute and chronic pain. She was a founding member, and subsequently Director for ten years, of Oxford's Centre for Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the Brain. She comes to Merton from being Head of the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Nuffield Chair of Anaesthetic Science, and a Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford. Professor Tracey is a Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford. She also sits on the United Kingdom's Medical Research Council.

Professor Tracey is married to the climate physicist Professor Myles Allen, and they have three children: a daughter, Colette, and two sons, John and Jim.

Today's service is sung by the Choir of Merton College and the Merton College Choristers, directed by Benjamin Nicholas. The organ is played by Alex Little (Assistant Organist) and Kentaro Machida (Organ Scholar).

The ceremony and service today will be photographed, filmed and live-streamed online to enable alumni and friends to be part of the proceedings and for use in College publications. Please contact the Development Office if you have any queries in relation to this.



THE ADMISSION OF THE WARDEN AND INTRODUCTION OF FELLOWS

Members and friends of the College are invited to gather in Front Quad. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

At 12 noon the two Senior Fellows, Professor Steven Gunn and Professor Ulrike Tillmann, escort the Warden from Postmasters' Hall to the College Gate. The Warden knocks on the gate with a gavel, and is admitted to the College by the Head Porter. The Sub-Warden, Professor Jennifer Payne, greets the Warden, presents her with the College key, and leads her to the iron gates at the entrance to the archway.

The assembled Fellows introduce themselves to the Warden, in the following order:

*Members of the Governing Body (in order of seniority)
Emeritus Fellows
Honorary Fellows
Bodley Fellows
Wyliot Fellows
Supernumerary Fellows
Visiting Research Fellows*

The Presidents of the Junior Common Room and Middle Common Room then introduce themselves to the Warden.

When the introductions are over, members of the Warden's family, the Presidents of the Junior Common Room and Middle Common Room, and others wishing to attend the installation are escorted to seats in the Chapel. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

THE PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL

The Warden and Sub-Warden lead the Fellows in procession to the Chapel.

The congregation stands as the procession of Fellows, led by the Verger, enters the Chapel.

The brass ensemble and the Assistant Organist play

Grand Chœur Dialogué
Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

As the Warden's procession enters the Chapel, all sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

BE thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

SLANE
Traditional Irish Melody
Descant: John Scott (1956-2015)

Irish, c. 8th century
tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

DECLARATION OF ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE WARDEN

All remain standing as the Sub-Warden says

As Sub-Warden of Merton College, I declare that on the 1st day of November in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen the Governing Body of the College elected Professor Irene Tracey to be Warden of the College from the 1st day of October in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen.

The Sub-Warden presents the Warden with a copy of the College Statutes.

The Warden says

I, Irene Tracey, hereby declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of the Warden, and uphold and obey the Statutes, Bylaws and Regulations of the College.

The Sub-Warden leads the Warden to her stall 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.

The Sub-Warden installs the Warden and says

I install you as Warden of the College.

The congregation greets the Warden with applause.

The congregation sits as the choir sings the canticle

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

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 powers therein.
To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven 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.
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.
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 of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
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.

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 thy name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, 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.

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Senior Fellow, Professor Steven Gunn, reads from

THE STATUTES OF MERTON COLLEGE
(1274)

INTRODUCTION

IN the name of the most glorious and undivided Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen: I, Walter de Merton, clerk, and formerly Chancellor of the illustrious Lord the King of England, trusting in the goodness of the Sovereign Creator of the world, and of its blessings, and confidently reposing on the grace of him who at his pleasure orders and directs to good the wills of men, and after I had frequently and anxiously considered how I might make some return in honour of his name, for the abundance of his bounty towards me in this life, did formerly, and before the troubles which have of late arisen in England, found and establish a house which I willed and commanded to be named and entitled 'the House of the Scholars of Merton'. This House was founded on my own property, which I had acquired by my own exertions: it was situated at Malden, in the county of Surrey, and was destined for the constant support of scholars residing in schools, in behalf of the salvation of my own soul, and of the souls of the Lord Henry, formerly King of England, that of his brother Richard, the renowned King of the Romans, and those of their predecessors and heirs, and of all my own parents and benefactors, to the honour and glory of the Most High. But now that peace is restored in England, and our old troubles are allayed, I approve with firm purpose of mind, establish, and confirm the former grant; and I limit, grant, and assign the local habitation and home of the school to be at Oxford, where there is a prosperous University of students, on my own proper freehold which abuts upon St John's Church; and it is my will that it should be called the House of the Scholars of Merton, and I decree that it shall be the residence of the Scholars for ever. As I had, at the time of the aforesaid troubles, bestowed on the House or the Scholars who, with the blessing of the Most High, are to reside there for all future times, my manors of Malden and Farleigh, and their appurtenances, for the perpetual support of the Scholars and ministers of the altar, who are intended to be resident in the House, now that the peace of the realm has been again restored, I make the same grant, and approve, and deliberately ratify and confirm it, of my own free and spontaneous will. It is my further decree that the aforesaid manors shall remain for ever in the possession of the Scholars and brethren, and so of any other manors which I have acquired or may acquire for their use, under the forms and conditions set down below, and that, as well in respect to the persons as to the rules which are to bind them, and which must, God willing, be observed without intermission during all times to come.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE House is to have a Superior, who is always to be denominated the Warden, and who must be of circumspection in spiritual and temporal affairs; the Warden is to have the pre-eminence and authority over all the Scholars who reside there, and over the ministers of the altar, and over all the other brethren and managers or bailiffs, or by whatever other name they go, who are appointed to the external or domestic administration and government of the House; and all persons, as well Scholars as ministers of the altar, brethren, managers, and bailiffs, are to obey and look up to the Warden as their Superior.

*translation by
George Charles Brodrick (1831-1903)
Warden of Merton (1881-1903)*

The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

Oclap your hands, all ye people;
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible.
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises.
Sing praises to our King; sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth.
Sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen.
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Psalms 47.1-2, 5-8

PRAYERS, BLESSING
AND FOUNDER'S PRAYERS

All stand as the Chaplain leads

THE PRAYERS

The prayers conclude with

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

All remain standing as the Chaplain gives

THE BLESSING

All remain standing, including the Warden and Fellows in their stalls, for

THE FOUNDER'S PRAYERS

In memoria æterna erit justus.

Ab auditu mali non timebit.

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt.

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.

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.

THE VOLUNTARY

Final (Symphonie No. 1, Op. 14)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The Verger leads the choir and clergy into the Ante-Chapel, followed by the Warden and Fellows, and other members of the congregation.

All are invited to stay for drinks.

At 1.15pm the Chapel bells are rung, and the Warden leads the Fellows to the Hall for lunch.

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