



ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH,
CHESHAM BOIS.

SERVICE of DEDICATION

of the Alterations made to the Church,
— and of Special Offerings, —

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, 1911, AT 4 P.M.

Hymn 387—"O happy feet that tread."

¶ *The Bishop, standing up and turning to the congregation, shall say—*

DEARLY Beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Blessed Spirit, or by the express command of God, or by their own reason or sense of natural decency of things, have erected Houses for the Public Worship of God, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence of His glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father; let us not doubt but He will also graciously approve this our godly purpose of making His House seemly and convenient for the several Offices of Religious Worship; and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this undertaking.

¶ *Then, the congregation kneeling, the Bishop shall say—*
Let us pray.

O ETERNAL GOD, mighty in power and of majesty incomprehensible, Whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and Who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy especial presence in whatever place even two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto Thee; Vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us who are here gathered together to offer in this place to Thy Glorious Name the sacrifice of Prayer and Thanksgiving. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands and bless it with such success as may tend most to Thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, though Jesus Christ, our Blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Proper Psalms—84, 133, 134.

Proper Lesson—I. Chron. xxix. 6-18.

Te Deum.

Proper Lesson—S. John iv. 19-27.

Deus Misereatur.

¶ *The Order for Evening Prayer continued to Third Collect.*

¶ *Then shall be sung an Anthem—*

“Praise the Lord, ye Heavens adore Him,” concluding with Hymn 582, in which the congregation are invited to join.

Special Prayers.

A Prayer for Donors.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast said that it is more blessed to give than to receive, bless, we pray Thee, all those by whose generous gifts and ungrudging labours these alterations and additions have been made to this Church. Bless them, O Lord, themselves, their families and their substance; remember them concerning this work, and grant them to know the joy and blessedness of those who give to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Dedication of the Choir Stalls.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who has ordained music as a help to those who worship Thee in Thy Holy House, grant that all those who shall lead the singing of this congregation, as members of the Choir, may be fulfilled with reverence, humility and devotion, that the hearts of all who worship here may be ever lifted up to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Dedication of Special Gifts.

A LMIGHTY GOD, the Giver of all good gifts, Who wast pleased in old time to cause Thy Sanctuary to be adorned with works of men's skill, we beseech Thee graciously to accept these offerings, and grant us grace to hallow to Thy service every treasure of wealth and affection which we receive from Thy bounty: we ask all for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Prayers for the Dedication of the Vestry.

O GOD, Whose power is Almighty, Who art the Creator and Hallower of all things; graciously hear our prayers, and vouchsafe to bless and hallow this Vestry for the use of Thy Ministers, and grant that all those that use it, attending in Thy Temple, and serving Thee devoutly and reverently, may become well pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CLEANSE us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, stand before Thy Throne, and serve Thee day and night in Thy Temple ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After which shall be said the Prayer for the Clergy and People, the General Thanksgiving, the Prayer of S. Chrysostom and the Grace.

The Sermon by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

¶ *The Sermon ended, the alms shall be collected, and the following hymn shall be sung—*

378—"Christ is our Corner-stone."

The Benediction.

Hymn 55—"Now thank we all our God."