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INTRODUCTION

The Woodcote Chapel, built in the mid 19th Century, was originally intended to help further the work of missionaries of the time. The stained glass windows, including the central one of Holman Hunt's 'Light of the World', all date from the 1860s, while the Chapel Bell bears the date 1872. The organ, the frame and pipes of which still survive, was considered the only other one fine enough to be 'serviced' by the man responsible for the one in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and in times past the school 'Chapel Monitors', responsible for pumping the organ, were allowed to carve their initials on its wooden panelling.

Since 1931, when the Paterson family took over the school, the Chapel Services have been non-denominational, led by one of the three generations of Paterson Headmasters. This new Hymn Book, complete with appropriate photographs of the school and its Chapel, together with an Order of Service which has been in use for at least the last thirty years, was compiled and presented to the school by Nick Paterson ('Mr Nick') to mark his retirement as Headmaster in 2009, though the school continues to be owned by him and his family.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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Opening prayer (after quiet reflection)

- A O God, open our ears that we may hear you speaking to us. Open our eyes that we may see how to do your will. And open our hearts that we may think more of others than we do of ourselves. *Amen*
- B Grant, O Lord, that we may leave here today, more kind to others; more honest with ourselves; more loyal to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*
- C O Lord, we thank you for the rest of another night and for bringing us safely to the beginning of a new day. Be with us in all we do today. Help us to seek you; to find you; and to follow you; so we may walk in wisdom now and all our days. *Amen*
- D Father, we pray that each one of us here may take full responsibility for our school; for its honesty, for its purity, for its manners, for its whole life. May we bring to it today and every day a spirit of caring and service. This we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen*
- E Visit, O Lord, this school with thy mercy; remove far from it all that would stain its honour or destroy its comradeship; let thy holy presence dwell in it to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be upon it, and upon us, evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

First Hymn

Bidding Prayer

- A O God our Father, thou hast promised to hear thy children when they pray to thee. Help us now to pray, teach us what to ask for, help us to mean what we say, and give us grace to love thee more and to love the people for whom we pray. This we ask for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*
- B Let us remember that God is with us now. There is no place where God is not. Wherever we go, there God is. Now and forever he surrounds us with his power, looks upon us in his mercy and is ready to hear us when we call. Wherefore, let us pray...
- C O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, hearts to meditate upon you, and lives to proclaim you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*
- D O Heavenly Father, we come before you today and ask that you would bless our time gathered together in thy sight. Remove any barrier that keeps us from you, and tune our senses to what you want to speak to us about today, preparing our hearts and spirits to be changed according to your holy will. This we ask for thy love's sake. *Amen*

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E O Lord, quieten our hearts in your presence, and help us to leave behind the hustle and bustle of our daily lives as we bring ourselves to thee. Help us to listen as well as ask, to remember the needs of others as well as ourselves, and to leave here this morning more ready to do thy will. This we ask for thy love's sake.
Amen

Confession

O God our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed; we have not loved thee with all our hearts; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins, and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

Absolution

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to all thy people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

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*

Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips
And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Second Hymn (or Canticle/Psalm)

Lesson

Choir Anthem

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Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Responses

The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit

Collects

1. The collect for the day
2. O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

Or (at Evensong)

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen*

3. O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger: but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

Or (at Evensong)

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen*

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Prayers

Third Hymn

Sermon

Fourth Hymn (Collection)

Final Prayer and Grace

- A** Let us go forth upon our ways in peace; let us be of good courage, holding fast to that which is good and rendering to no man evil for evil. Let us strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all men, loving and serving the Lord while rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit...
- B** Take command, O Lord, we pray, of every part of our hearts and reach out into every corner of our lives. Make us strong to resist evil, quick to learn your ways, ready to do your will. Help us to love you with all our hearts, and to show our love not only with our lips, but also in our lives, by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days...
- C** May the strength of God pilot us; may the power of God preserve us; may the wisdom of God instruct us; may the hand of God protect us, now and evermore...
- D** Whatsoever things are pure and lovely, whatsoever things are gentle and generous, whatsoever things are honourable and of good report; these things, O Lord, grant that we may with one accord pursue...
- E** May the Lord rise with us each day;
May the sun shine always on our faces;
May the wind be always at our backs;
May the rains fall gently on our fields and gardens,
And may he keep us in the hollow of his hand, until we meet again...

Grace

**... And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, and all those we love, this day* and evermore.
Amen**

- *or, at Evensong, 'this night'...*



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MORNING HYMN

FRANÇOIS HIPPOLYTE BARTHÉLÉMON (1741-1808)



- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
And live this day as if thy last;
Improve thy talent with due care;
For the great day thyself prepare.
- 3 Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
- 4 Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design or do or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In thy sole glory may unite.
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, angelic host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Bishop Thomas Kent (1637-1711)