

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION
FOR THE
83rd ENTRY STAINED GLASS WINDOW
IN
ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
ROYAL AIR FORCE
HALTON

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Chaplain: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Chaplain: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER

Chaplain: Maker of all, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: May we discern your hand in all your works and serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things now and forever, **Amen.**

HYMN *(Tune: Duke Street - J S B Monsell (1811-75))*

All: Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

A READING Isaiah 40.28-31

Entry Member: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord
(Dave Taylor) is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

A TALK

Entry Member: The 83rd Entry, its beginnings, graduation and
(Mal Woods) subsequent service, members, reunions and the Window.

THE DEDICATION

Chaplain: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. He hath made everything beautiful in his time. Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his Sanctuary.

In the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ I dedicate this window to the glory and praise of God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this gift: We praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who gave it; 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 our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ASSOCIATION COLLECT

All: Teach us, good Lord, to be thankful for the good times which we have had, the skills which we have learned, the friendships which we have shared and the companionship which we have enjoyed. May all who have shared the apprenticeship of the "wheel" be mindful of the needs of one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, PAST AND PRESENT, AND FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER TODAY

Chaplain: Almighty God who has promised that they who wait on you shall renew their strength, and mount up with wings as eagles, we commend to your Fatherly protection all who serve in the Royal Air Force; uplift and support them in their high endeavour, that they may be a safeguard to our Country. Help them fulfil their several duties with honour, quietness and integrity, and grant that they may prove to be worthy successors of those who by their valour and sacrifice, have nobly served their day and generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

(Tune: Nun Danket - M Rinkart (1586-1649)

tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

THE ENDING

