

OLDBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Service of Dedication

in connection with the Coronation of

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II,

on June 2nd, 1953.



FRIDAY, MAY 29th, 1953.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

Conducted by the Rev. Canon H. Fletcher, M.A.,
and the Rev. J. D. Crosland.

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

Not on this land alone—
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That men should brothers be
And form one family
The wide world o'er.

EXHORTATION:

At this time, when Her Majesty the Queen is to dedicate herself afresh to the service of Almighty God and of our nation, and, when she will invoke His blessing in the discharge of her solemn responsibilities, it is meet and right that we, her subjects, should re-dedicate ourselves and pray that we may serve God faithfully in the years to come.

Let us, therefore, first offer our praise and worship to God in the words of the hymn:

HYMN: Praise my soul, the King of Heaven *A. and M. 298.*

PRAYERS: *To be said by the Rev. J. D. Crosland.*

ACT OF DEDICATION: *To be said by all.*

O God our Father, who dost unite us at this time in allegiance to our most gracious Sovereign Lady, QUEEN ELIZABETH, hear us, as we pledge ourselves anew to Thy service and the service of our fellows, to the glory of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHOW us Thy way, O Lord our God,
And keep us faithful to Thy Word.
Teach us to love Thee with all our hearts,
And in love to serve one another.

Help us to seek that righteousness which exalteth
a nation,
And to spread abroad among men the spirit of peace
and goodwill.
For Thou art the Lord our God,
And our trust is in Thee:
And to Thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
We give praise and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: Thy hand, O God, has guided *A. and M. 604.*
Verses 1, 2, 5 and 6.

THE LESSON: *Read by the Girl Captain.*
I Kings, Chapter III, verses 5-14.

HYMN: The Pilgrim's Song *A. and M. 676.*

ADDRESS: *To be given by the*
Rev. Canon H. Fletcher, M.A.

READING: *Read by the Boy Captain.*
Land of our Birth—*Rudyard Kipling.*

HYMN: (*Jerusalem*)
And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my Chariot of Fire!
I will not cease from mental fight;
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

THE BLESSING.

We wish to thank the pupils and friends of the School who have contributed to the School Coronation Fund, from which ceremonial furniture, consisting of a Headmaster's chair, a table, a lectern and a reading stand, has been purchased.

We also thank the Cresconians for the gift of a handsomely-bound Bible.