

St Paul's Church, Wokingham

A Choral Celebration to mark the Coronation of King Charles the Third



Sunday the 7th of May 2023 at 5.15pm

The Gathering and Opening Prayers

Hymn: All People that on earth do dwell (334)

The Readings

1 Kings 3.5-10 (*A Prayer of Solomon*)

Revelation 21.22-22.4

(The nations will walk by the light of the glory of God)

Anthem: O taste and see

by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

A Short Reflection

Hymn: I vow to thee my country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934) Words: Cecil Spring Rice (1859-1918)

The Prayers

Faithful God,
fill them with your joy and hope.

which conclude

**Our Father, which 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: Jerusalem (488)

The Commitment to the Community

*“we are less than ourselves
without the gift of each other”*

**Living God, you bring us together in community
and teach us to love one another as you have loved us.**

**May we be beacons of your light
in the communities in which we are set,
that through truth, justice and action
we may see your kingdom come upon earth,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem: Zadok the Priest

**by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), composed
in 1727 for the coronation of King George II**

The Blessing

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King,
God save the King.

Send him victorious, Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us: God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store, On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.

May he defend our laws, And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice, God save the King.

Recessional Music

*If you have chance, before you leave, please do look
at the pane of glass in front of the High Altar
which was part of a temporary building outside Westminster Abbey
for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.*

