

**A CELEBRATORY EUCHARIST**  
to  
**THE JOYOUS AND BLESSED MEMORY**  
of  
**'PRIN'**



**Canon Harold Wilson**  
**1919-1975**  
**Principal of Salisbury (and Wells) Theological College**  
**1965 - 1973**

*"Maximas certe agimus omnes gratias"*  
*which of course translates in those immortal 'Haroldic' words*  
*"I'm sure we're all very grateful....."*

**18 October 2014**

*President: The Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam*  
*Lord Bishop of Salisbury*  
*Assisted by The Revd Canon Christopher Rutledge*  
*Organist: The Revd Ian Hubbard*

## How this came about

In 2012 the good and godly Ian Pusey and Tony Mortimer, now retired to Exmouth in the diocese of Exeter, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary with a quite glorious Eucharist and a party at their beautiful parish church. The large congregation was a tribute to their ministries and amongst those assembled were some half dozen ex-Sarum students of more or less the same vintage as Tony and Ian.

Over the admirable wine, sandwiches, sausage rolls and all such vital and traditional sacramental post-eucharistic Anglican goodies, were retold yet again those proverbial Sarum songs of old, and not least the immortal stories of Prin. And with all this the cry went up: "We ought to do this more often."

And so we did!

And so the following year there was a very informal, by word of mouth, gathering at the tiny village of Farnham north of Blandford with some two dozen folk, again the cry went up "We ought to do this more often." but with the cry now came also a nagging concern both from those present and those further afield that there was no longer any memorial at Salisbury to our much loved friend and Principal, Harold. Thus a new cry now went up. Not quite the Passover shout of "Next year in Jerusalem" but a very Anglican:

### **"NEXT YEAR IN SALISBURY!!"**

And here we are!

And we are here thanks to various good people who have enabled today to happen. First, Sonia Woolley (formerly Sonia Clissold) who gently but firmly pleaded our cause to the powers that be. Secondly to those very same powers that be: Canon Keith Lamdin the current Principal, and his Director, Christine Nielsen-Craig, whose support, enthusiasm and real desire to 'get this right' for us has been quite phenomenal. We are hugely indebted to them. It has also been wonderful to have Nora Hill on the committee whose amazing memory and source of information are second to none.

Sadly our much loved and greatly respected former Tutor and Vice-Principal, or 'Vice' as he was always known, Professor Chris Bryan, cannot get away from America as he had hoped, but he sends us all his very best wishes. We are however delighted that Bishop Nicholas of Salisbury has accepted the invitation to preside and celebrate at this Eucharist. Our sincere thanks go to him. One of the letters we received from somebody who knew Prin and who also knows Bishop Nicholas, reflected how both men would have got on so well together, in similar vein in which Prin delighted in the company of his friend and staunch supporter Bishop Joe Fison but who, like Prin, died far too soon, on the same day some of us were ordained in 1972.

The original plan was to include the four hymns which were Prin's favourites and which were sung at his funeral and thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral. However following the Principal Keith Lamdin's beautiful reflections which have been circulated with the invitation, 'When Place Becomes Holy,' I have taken the deliberate liberty of having a different first hymn which not only reflects Keith's words but in so doing unites, I believe and hope, people and places both past and present.

Finally I offer an apology, and perhaps that apology can be passed on if the need arises, to anyone you meet who has not been invited today who should have been. The College has leant over backwards to ensure names and addresses are accurate, but this is a formidable task and it is inevitable there will be one or two who have fallen through the net. It is also inevitable that there may be omissions from the list of those of our brethren who have died. Please do pass on any missing information which you may have.

AND FINALLY..... THANK **YOU** SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

*Robert Prance*

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*We stand to sing*

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
For the saints who before us have found their reward.  
When the shadow of death fell upon them we sorrowed  
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,  
He called them away from our worship below;  
But not till his love at the font and the altar  
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,  
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;  
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims  
And still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise then for all who here sought and here found Him,  
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;  
They believed in the light and its glory is round them  
Where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

Bishop        In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
                  And of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

## THE GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

**Almighty God,  
To whom all hearts are open,  
All desires known  
And from whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world  
That he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
To save us from our sins,  
To be our advocate in heaven,  
And to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
And to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
We confess that we have sinned  
In thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**Help us to amend what we are  
And direct what we shall be;  
That we may do justly, love mercy  
And walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

### **THE COLLECT**

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
We thank you that through your Son  
You have called us into the fellowship of  
Your universal Church.  
Hear our prayer for your faithful people,  
That each in their vocation and ministry  
May be an instrument of your love,  
And continue to grant your servants  
The needful gifts of grace;  
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **THE EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 12 vv 4-13

Read by Sonia Woolley

#### **GRADUAL HYMN**

To God be the glory great things he hath done  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son:  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
Oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord.....*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord.....*

*Remain standing*

## **THE GOSPEL**

St Matthew 28 vv 16-end  
Read by The Revd Michael Flight

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you O Lord**

## **A TRIBUTE TO 'PRIN'**

*'Let your light so shine.....'*  
The Revd Robert Prance

## **THE INTERCESSIONS**

Nora Hill, Canon Neil Richardson, Canon Michael Warner and the Ven Hedley Ringrose

## **THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing Love! How can it be  
That thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free  
For O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flam'd with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine.  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne  
And claim the crown thro' Christ my own.

## THE TAKING OF BREAD AND WINE

Yours Lord is the greatness, the power  
The glory, the splendour and the majesty  
For everything in heaven and earth is yours  
**All things come from you**  
**And of your own do we give you.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is meet and right so to do**

Father we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word through whom you created all things;  
who was sent by you, in your great goodness,  
to be our Saviour;  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh  
and, as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks for those saints and gentle souls who,  
in a multitude of ways have touched our lives;  
who have encouraged, cajoled, inspired, and supported us  
throughout past years, whose earthly journeys have ended,  
but whose love and example have moulded us into the people we are today;  
and in particular at this time  
we hold before you our former Principal, mentor, friend and inspiration  
**HAROLD**  
whose light has continued to shine in our hearts  
throughout the years and in our varied ministries.

Therefore with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks.  
he broke it and gave it to your disciples, saying,  
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them saying,  
Drink this all of you,  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of Faith.

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom and with who and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us we are bold to say:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, ...**

### **THE BREAKING OF BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world  
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word  
And I shall be complete.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

### **POST COMMUNION VERSE, PRAYER AND BLESSING**

“These stones which have echoed their praises are holy  
Dear is the ground where their feet have once trod.  
But here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims  
And here they were seeking the Kingdom of God.”

**Almighty God we thank you for feeding us  
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
To be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
To live and work to your praise and your glory.  
Amen.**

Go forth into the world in peace;  
Be of good courage;  
Hold fast that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil;  
Strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;  
Help the afflicted; honour all people  
Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be with you, with those whom you love and with those who love you,  
In heaven and on earth.  
Today and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory.....*

Lo! Jesus meets us risen from the tomb  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory.....*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love,  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory.....*

*Following the Eucharist, Bishop Nicholas will bless and dedicate a plaque in the chapel.  
Please remain where you are.*

## Muck and a Golden Crown

Our Padre says I'm a sinner,  
And John Bull says I'm a saint.  
And they're both of them bound to be liars  
For I'm neither of them I ain't.  
I'm a man and man's a mixture  
Right down from his very birth,  
And part of him comes from heaven,  
And part of him comes from earth.  
There's nothing in him that's perfect;  
There's nothing that's all complete,  
He's naught but a great beginning  
From his head to the soles of his feet.  
There's something that draws me upwards,  
And there's something that drags me down,  
And the consequence is I wobbles  
Twixt muck and a golden crown.

*Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy*

