

THE SERVICE OF
THE BREAKING OF GROUND
FOR THE FIRST UNIT

of

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church

ST. MATTHEWS, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

By The Right Reverend Charles Clingman, D. D., L. H. D.
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ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1952
AT THREE O'CLOCK



THE REVEREND WILFRED MYLL, *Rector*

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The Breaking of Ground for a Church Building

¶ *Before the service four stakes shall be set in the ground at the four corners of the proposed building. And three cords shall be prepared, two to extend diagonally from corner to corner, a third to enclose the space. A spade shall be placed on the site.*

¶ *The Bishop shall officiate. Having vested near by, the Ministers shall go in procession, with the People, to the site of the new Church, saying the Litany for the Church.*

A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;
Have mercy upon us.
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God;
Have mercy upon us.

O CHRIST, the Rock upon which thy Church is built, whereon thy People, as living stones fitly framed together, grow into a spiritual house;
Defend thy Church, O Lord.
O Christ, the Vine of which thy People are the branches, that they may bring forth fruit an hundred-fold;
Defend thy Church, O Lord.
O Christ, the Head of thy Body, the Church, whereof all thy People are the members;
Defend thy Church, O Lord.
O Christ, our Prophet, who teachest the way of God in truth;
Defend thy Church, O Lord.
O Christ, our Priest, who didst offer up thyself upon the Cross, and ever livest to make intercession for us with the Father;
Defend thy Church, O Lord.
O Christ, our King, who reignest over all the earth, and makest us the citizens of thy heavenly Kingdom;
Defend thy Church, O Lord.
O Christ, who didst send the Holy Ghost upon the Church at Pentecost, enduing it with power from on high;
Defend thy Church, O Lord.

WE do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that we may continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt fulfil thy promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the world;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt bless the Clergy of thy Church, that they may diligently preach the Gospel, and faithfully administer the holy Sacraments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt heal the divisions in thy Church, that we all may be one, even as thou art one with the Father;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That every member of the Church in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause;
And forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.
Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine;
And the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself
Let the priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let they saints sing with joyfulness.
The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

NOW unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then an appointed Minister shall read the Lesson, as follows:*

HEAR the words of the First Book of Chronicles.

The Lesson. I Chronicles 21:18

THE angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the Lord in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the Name of the Lord. Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the Lord. And Ornan said to David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes; lo, I give it all. And king David said to Ornan, Nay, but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. So David gave Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. Then David said, The house that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent; I will therefore now make preparation for it. Then he called Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the Lord God of Israel.

¶ *Here the following Hymn shall be sung:*

THE Church's one foundation	Elect from every nation,	Though with a scornful wonder
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;	Yet one o'er all the earth,	Men see her sore oppress,
She is his new creation	Her charter of salvation,	By schisms rent asunder,
By water and the word:	One Lord, one faith, one birth;	By heresies distrest;
From heaven he came and sought her	One holy Name she blesses,	Yet saints their watch are keeping,
To be his holy bride;	Partakes one holy food,	Their cry goes up, "How long?"
With his own blood he bought her,	And to one hope she presses,	And soon the night of weeping
And for her life he died.	With every grace endued.	Shall be the morn of song. Amen.

ADDRESS BY THE BISHOP

¶ *Then, while the following Antiphon and Psalm are being said, the Wardens shall stretch the two cords diagonally, from the northeast to the southwest, and from the southeast to the northwest, securing them to the stakes, thus forming the Greek letter X, the symbol both of the Cross and of the Name of Christ, across the space.*

Antiphon. Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, * and let them measure the pattern.

From Psalm 132. Memento, Domine.

L ORD, remember David,	For thy servant David's sake,
And all his trouble.	Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
How he swore unto the Lord,	For the Lord hath chosen Zion to be an habitation for himself;
And vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob.	He hath longed for her.
I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house,	This shall be my rest for ever;
Nor climb up into my bed;	Here will I dwell for I have a delight therein.
I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber;	I will deck her priests with health,
Neither the temples of my head to take any rest;	And her saints shall rejoice and sing.
Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord;	There shall I make the horn of David to flourish:
An habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.	I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.
Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place;	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;	
And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.	

¶ *During the following Antiphon and Psalm the Wardens shall stretch the third cord completely around the four stakes, enclosing the area, moving clockwise, beginning and ending at the southeast.*

Antiphon. We have a strong city; * salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

From Psalm 48. Magnus Dominus.

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised,
In the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Zion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth;
Upon the north side lieth the city of the great king: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God,
God upholdeth the same for ever.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God.
In the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end;
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad,
 Because of thy judgments.
 Walk about Sion, and go round about her;
 And tell the towers thereof.
 Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces,
 That ye may tell them that come after.
 For this God is our God for ever and ever:
 He shall be our guide unto death.
 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.

¶ *Here the following Hymn shall be sung:*

Come, O Thou God of grace,
 Dwell in this holy place,
 E'en now descend!
 This temple, reared to Thee,
 O may it ever be
 Filled with Thy majesty,
 Till time shall end!

Be in each song of praise
 Which here Thy people raise
 With hearts aflame!
 Let ev'ry anthem rise
 Like incense to the skies,
 A joyful sacrifice
 To Thy blest name!

To the great One in Three
 Glory and praises be
 In love now giv'n!
 Glad songs to Thee we sing,
 Glad hearts to Thee we bring,
 Till we our God and King
 Shall praise in heav'n!

Amen.

¶ *Then the Bishop shall say,*

FORASMUCH as devout and faithful people have taken in hand to build on this ground, now marked with the symbol of Christ, a House to be dedicated to the glory of God, to be known as Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, wherein the Gospel shall be truly preached, the Sacraments duly administered, and the service of Prayer and Praise offered in this and coming generations;

¶ *Then, taking the spade, and removing the first shovelful of earth, he shall continue,*

THEREFORE I break ground for this Church; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
 Amen.

¶ *Minister and People*

Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD God of Israel, who didst move thy servant David to find out a place for thy temple, and dost have thy habitation among the sons of men; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to hallow this ground, upon which we propose to build a Church and to set up an Altar therein, that the work now begun may be brought to completion, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Collect for Saint Matthew)

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

NOW set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the Name of the Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung,*

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.