

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR

THE BREAKING OF GROUND

St. Paul's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA

3:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 20, 1966



FORWARD IN FAITH AS BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

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At the conclusion of the Recessional Hymn the congregation will follow the clergy and choir out of the Church, beginning with those in the front pews. The procession will proceed to the site of the new Church, where the service will continue.

THE LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

Officiant: The Very Rev. Robert R. Parks, Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Third Rector of St. Paul's By-the-Sea

- V. O God, the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.
- V. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.
- V. O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful;
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.
- V. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God;
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.
- V. O Christ, the Rock upon which thy Church is built,
whereon thy people, as living stones fitly framed
together, grow into a spiritual house;
R. DEFEND THY CHURCH, O LORD.
- V. O Christ, the Head of thy Body, the Church, whereof all
thy People are the members;
R. DEFEND THY CHURCH, O LORD.
- V. O Christ, our prophet, who teachest the way of God in
truth;
R. DEFEND THY CHURCH, O LORD.

- V. O Christ, our Priest, who didst offer up thyself upon the Cross, and ever livest to make intercession for us with the Father;
 R. DEFEND THY CHURCH, O LORD.
- V. O Christ, our King, who reignest over all the earth, and makes us the citizens of thy heavenly Kingdom;
 R. DEFEND THY CHURCH, O LORD.
- V. O Christ, who didst send the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost, enduing it with power from on high;
 R. DEFEND THY CHURCH, O LORD.
- V. 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;
 R. WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.
- V. That thou wilt fulfil thy promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the world;
 R. WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.
- V. That thou wilt bless the Clergy of thy Church, that they may diligently preach the Gospel, and faithfully administer the holy Sacraments;
 R. WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.
- V. That thou wilt heal the divisions in thy Church, that we all may be one, even as thou art one with the Father;
 R. WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.
- V. That every member of the Church in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee;
 R. WE BESEECH THEE TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.
- V. Arise, O God, Maintain Thine own cause;
 R. AND FORGET NOT THE CONGREGATION OF THE POOR FOR EVER.
- V. Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this thy vine;
 R. AND THE BRANCH THAT THOU MADEST SO STRONG FOR THYSELF.
- V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
 R. AND LET THY SAINTS SING WITH JOYFULNESS.
- V. The Lord be with you
 R. AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

V. 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 succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor 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.

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 She is his new creation
 By water and the word;
 From heaven he came and sought her
 To be his holy bride;
 With his own blood he bought her,
 And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth,
 Her charter of salvation,
 One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy Name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses,
 With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
 Men see her sore oppress,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distress;
 Yet saints their watch are keeping,
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of Peace for evermore;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may dwell with thee. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF GROUND

Rector: With faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, we are assembled to break ground for the building of a new Church, to the end that God's holy word may be proclaimed more fully, His praises sung, and His people bound more closely into the Oneness of His Body.

V. Except the Lord build the House
R. THEIR LABOR IS BUT LOST THAT BUILD IT.
V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord
R. WHO HATH MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.
V. Blessed be the name of the Lord
R. FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOR EVERMORE.
V. Lord, hear our prayer,
R. AND LET OUR CRY COME UNTO THEE.

Rector: Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast promised that wheresoever Thy Name is proclaimed Thou wilt come with Thy blessing, look with favor, we beseech Thee, upon our endeavors to build a Church in this place worthy of Thy Holy Name. Do Thou move the hearts and wills of all to give and serve that we may go forward in faith as Builders for Christ. Bless our efforts in Thy Name and guide us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit that we may accomplish our purposes to Thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson: I Chronicles 22:11-19 read by Chairman of the Building Committee.

Rector: Right Reverend Father in God, we beseech you to begin this building with your prayers and by turning the first spade of earth.

Bishop: Forasmuch as devout and faithful people have taken in hand to build on this ground a House to be dedicated to the glory of God, and in honor of St. Paul the Apostle, to be known as St. Paul's By-the-Sea, wherein the Gospel shall be truly preached, the Sacraments duly administered, and the Service of Prayer and Praise offered in this and coming generations;

¶ Here the Bishop shall remove the first spade of earth.

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

¶ Then shall the children break ground with the plow.

The Doxology: Sung by all.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Introductions by the Rector.

Greetings from the Bishop.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Let us pray.

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

Keep, O Lord, in Thy continual care all who labor on this building, that all their work may be acceptable to Thee and to Thy Son, and that they may be defended in all danger and protected from all harm, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*

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 to-day.

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,
Eternal, Triune God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be, evermore. Amen.

The Final Blessing by the Bishop.

¶ Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the
Ground Breaking Ceremony.

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Bishop of Florida

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Rector

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