

**Worcester District Scout Council**

**St George's Day Service**



**Worcester Cathedral**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2003**

## Arrival of Mayor

## Arrival of Lord Lieutenant

## Arrival of High Sheriff

## Welcome by Canon in Residence

## Organ Fanfare – Entry of Standards

### *Hymn – Onward Christian Soldiers*

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| <p>1 Onward Christian soldiers,<br/>Marching as to war,<br/>With the cross of Jesus<br/>Going on before.<br/>Christ the royal Master<br/>Leads against the foe;<br/>Forward into battle,<br/>See his banners go!<br/><i>Onward Christian soldiers,<br/>Marching as to war,<br/>With the cross of Jesus<br/>Going on before.</i></p> <p>2 At the sign of triumph<br/>Satan's legions flee;<br/>On then, Christian soldiers,<br/>On to victory.<br/>Hell's foundations quiver<br/>At the shout of praise;<br/>We shall lift our voices,<br/>Loud our anthem raise.<br/><i>Onward Christian soldiers ...</i></p> | <p>3 Like a mighty army<br/>Moves the church of God.<br/>Humbly we are treading<br/>Where the saints have trod;<br/>We are not divided<br/>All one body we,<br/>One in hope and doctrine,<br/>One in charity.<br/><i>Onward Christian soldiers,<br/>Marching as to war,<br/>With the cross of Jesus<br/>Going on before.</i></p> <p>4 Onward then, ye people,<br/>Join our happy throng,<br/>Blend with ours your voices<br/>In the triumph song:<br/>Glory, laud and honour<br/>Unto Christ the King;<br/>This through countless ages<br/>Saints and angels sing.<br/><i>Onward Christian soldiers ...</i></p> |
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## Bidding Prayer led by District Chaplain

Brother and Sister Scouts, we have come here today to worship God and to thank Him for all the joys and benefits we receive through Scouting. We honour our Patron, St. George, in this the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his martyrdom and, as he did, resolve to serve God in the days to come.

# Hymn O Jesus I have promised

*(During which the Vigil Party enters)*

- 1 O Jesus I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end:  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if Thou wilt be my guide.
- 2 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.
- 3 O let me feel Thee near me:  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.
- 4 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.
- 5 O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

## Reading by Lord Lieutenant

Epistle to the Ephesians, Chapter 6, verses 10 – 20.

## Statement of Dedication

*Spoken by District Chaplain*

Friends and Brother Scouts, we have come together in the presence of God to honour Saint George, Patron Saint of our Country and of Scouts in every part of the world.

# Story of St George and tableau by Group Members

## A Leader continues

St. George lived and died seventeen hundred years ago. Very little is known of his life but he is remembered as a Soldier-Saint. St. George fighting the dragon is a symbol of the fight between good and evil, a fight which goes on in the world today, a fight which calls for courage and self sacrifice, a fight in which every Christian is called to take part.

As God strengthens those who serve him we take as our theme 'The Armour of God' and we praise Him and ask for his help in our hymns of prayer. Therefore on this St. George's Day we rededicate ourselves as Christian Scouts, praying that we may be worthy followers of his example and to this end we make our prayers.

## Prayers

*Led by District Chaplain*

Grant, O Lord, that as St. George remained Your faithful soldier and servant even unto death, so may we remain firm against all evil and with courage and determination follow his example until our lives end.

Amen.

*Let us say together*

Our Father who art in Heaven

Hallowed be Thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

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.

## Renewal of Promises

*Led by District Commissioner*

*Beaver Scouts stand and repeat after D.C.*

I promise that I will do my best  
to be kind and helpful  
and to love God.

*Cub Scouts stand and repeat after D.C.*

I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and the Queen  
To help other people  
And to keep the Cub Scout Law

*Scouts and adult members of the Scout Movement stand and say together:*

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and the Queen  
To help other people  
And keep the Scout Law.

## The Scout Hymn

*Read by Group Members*

*Beaver Scout*

Now as I start upon my chosen way,  
In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play;  
Grant as I promise, courage new for me  
To be the best, the best that I can be.

*Cub Scout*

Help me to keep my Honour shining, bright,  
May I be loyal in the hardest fight,  
Let me be able for my task, and then  
To earn a place among my fellow men.

*Scout*

Open mine eyes to see things as I should,  
That I may do my daily turn of good,  
Let me be ready, waiting for each need  
To keep me clean in thought and word and deed.

*Leader*

So as I journey on my chosen way,  
In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play,  
Grant as I promise, courage new for me  
To be the best; the BEST that I can be.

## Reading by the High Sheriff: Extract from B-P's Last Message.

These are some of the thoughts of the Founder, Lord Baden Powell, left with us to contemplate when thinking how we should live our lives:

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life.

Happiness does not come from being rich, nor merely being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that that you can be useful and so you can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy.

Look on the bright side of things not the gloomy one.

## Prayers

*All stand together*

*District Chaplain*

The keeping of our Promise and Law is no easy task. Let us ask for God's help to keep them.

*All*

Lord Jesus I give you my hands to do your work, I give you my tongue to speak your truth, I give you myself to follow your example, that I may meet the challenges of the Promise and Law, and grow in love of you to seek and build a better world for all my fellow men.

*District Chaplain*

*A prayer for the worldwide Scout Movement*

Father of all, you have knitted together in one community, men and women of every nationality and background, and have drawn people to Scouting from all parts of the world. Grant that this worldwide fellowship may not only strengthen and enrich its members, but may go some way towards reducing the hostility which divides nations and races in so many parts of the world today.

*District Chaplain*

*A prayer for Queen and Country*

Almighty God, we give thanks for the heritage of this land in which we are privileged to share. Grant that our Queen and her Government may be guided to the best ways of directing the life of this country for the wellbeing of all its inhabitants and for the proper role of the British people in the international community of nations.

*Prayer for strength to serve God*

Teach us good Lord to serve thee as thou deservest  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to heed the wound,  
To toil and not to seek for rest  
To labour and to ask for no reward save that of knowing that we do thy will,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Hymn Give me Joy in my Heart**

*(During the hymn, a collection will be taken. All proceeds after expenses will go to Acorns Trust.)*

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, keep me praising 'til the break of day:

*Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!*

*Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings!*

*Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!*

*Sing Hosanna to the King!*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, keep me resting 'til the break of day:

*Sing Hosanna! ...*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, keep me serving, 'til the break of day:

*Sing Hosanna! ...*

Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying, give me faith in my heart, I pray  
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying, keep me praying 'til the break of day:

*Sing Hosanna! ...*

Give me hope in my heart, keep me trusting, give me hope in my heart, I pray  
Give me hope in my heart, keep me trusting, keep me trusting 'til the break of day:

*Sing Hosanna! ...*

## **National Anthem**

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| 1 God save our gracious Queen,<br>long live our noble Queen,<br>God save the Queen.<br>Send her victorious,<br>happy and glorious,<br>long to reign over us,<br>God save the Queen. | 2 Thy choicest gifts in store,<br>on her be blessed to pour,<br>long may she reign.<br>May she defend our laws,<br>and ever give us cause,<br>to sing with heart and voice,<br>God save the Queen. |
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*Please remain standing for the Blessing.*

# The Blessing

by the Canon in Residence

## Hymn He Who Would Valiant Be

*(During which the Colours will be returned)*

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| 1 He who would valiant be<br>'Gainst all disaster,<br>Let him in constancy<br>Follow the Master,<br>There's no discouragement<br>Shall make him once relent,<br>His first avowed intent<br>To be a pilgrim.              | 3 Since, Lord, thou dost defend<br>Us with thy Spirit,<br>We know we at the end<br>Shall life inherit.<br>Then fancies flee away:<br>I'll fear not what men say,<br>I'll labour night and day<br>To be a pilgrim. |
| 2 Who so beset him<br>With dismal stories<br>Do but themselves confound<br>His strength the more is.<br>No foes shall stay his might,<br>Though he with giants fight:<br>He will make good his right<br>To be a pilgrim. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

*Please remain standing while the colours, then the Clergy and Dignitaries, leave the Cathedral.*

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This year's Service was prepared by the 5<sup>th</sup> Worcester Scout Group.

We hope you have enjoyed our St George's Day service.

Our Movement is expanding all the time and we are seeking to build upon our successes. We have over 1000 members in Worcester District and we are opening new Sections in several Groups. We are therefore always looking for adults who would like to join with us in bringing the benefits of Scouting to the young people of Worcester District.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful Movement, please contact either

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