



DOWNING COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE



Alan Norman Howard MA PhD

16.3.1929 to 24.6.2020

Memorial Service  
Saturday 23 October 2021

*The music is led by David Lowe (Director of College and Chapel Music), Louisa Denby (Assisting Organist), Hector Coley (Organ Scholar) and Dominic Remedios (Organ Scholar)*

## INTRODUCTION

*Given by the Revd Dr Keith Eyeons, Chaplain*

## HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*All sit.*

## FIRST READING: SIRACH 38.1-14

*Read by the Rt Hon Lord Lansley CBE PC DL*

*This reading is dedicated to all of Dr Howard's mentors and scientific colleagues.*

Honour a physician with the honour due to him  
for the uses which ye may have of him:  
for the Lord hath created him.  
For of the most High cometh healing,  
and he shall receive honour of the king.  
The skill of the physician shall lift up his head:  
and in the sight of great men he shall be in admiration.  
The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;  
and he that is wise will not abhor them.  
Was not the water made sweet with the wood,  
that the virtue might be known?  
And he hath given men skill,  
that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.  
With such doth he heal men, and taketh away their pains.  
Of such doth the apothecary make a confection;  
and of his works there is no end;  
and from him is peace over all the earth.

## TRIBUTES

*Jon Howard*

*Julie Lambert*

## ANTHEM

*Words: the antiphon from the service of Compline*

*Music: Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

*The Choir sings*

Save us, O Lord, waking,  
Guard us sleeping,  
That awake we may watch with Christ,  
And asleep we may rest in peace.  
Amen.

## SECOND READING: JUDE THE OBSCURE

*Read by Wg Cdr Richard K Taplin MBE MA, Emeritus Fellow,  
an extract from the novel by Thomas Hardy (published 1895).*

*Stone mason Jude arrives at 'Christminster', thinly disguised as Oxford, with the dream of studying to become an architect.*

He soon perceived clearly, what he had long uneasily suspected, that to qualify himself of certain open scholarships and exhibitions was the brilliant course. But to do this a good deal of coaching would be necessary, and much natural ability. It was next to impossible that a man reading on his own system, however widely and thoroughly, even over the prolonged period of ten years, should be able to compete with those who had passed their lives under trained teachers and had worked to ordained lines.

He saw what a curious and cunning glamour the neighbourhood of the place had exercised over him. To get there and live there, to move among the churches and halls and become imbued with the *genius loci*, had seemed to his dreaming youth, as the spot shaped its charms to him from its halo on the horizon, the obvious and ideal thing to do.

'Let me only get there' he had said with the fatuousness of Crusoe over his big boat 'and the rest is but a matter of time and energy'

## TRIBUTES

*Professor John Nolan*

*Alan Bookbinder, the Master*

## NUNC DIMITTIS (LUKE 2.29-32)

*The Choir sings the setting from the Evening Canticles in B Minor  
by T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953).*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

## PRAYERS

*Led by the Chaplain*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

O Father of all,  
we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer.  
Grant them thy peace;  
let light perpetual shine upon them;  
and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them  
the good purpose of thy perfect will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort:  
Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn,  
that casting every care on thee,  
they may know the consolation of thy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

O heavenly Father,  
who in thy Son Jesus Christ, hast given us a true faith, and a sure hope:  
Help us, we pray thee,  
to live as those who believe and trust in the Communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
and the resurrection to life everlasting,  
and strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life:  
through the love of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.**

## BLESSING

May the infinite and glorious Trinity,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
direct our life in good works,  
and after our journey through this world,  
grant us eternal rest with the saints.  
**Amen.**

