



**The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**  
St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

**Choral Mattins**  
marking  
**The 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of**  
**The Battle of Britain**  
attended by

**Her Honour, The Honourable Joan Marie J. Aylward, O.N.L.,**  
**Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador**

**and**

**The Royal Canadian Air Force Association**  
**150 (North Atlantic) Wing**



**Sunday, 15 September 2024**  
**The Season of Creation**

**Dean & Rector:** The Very Reverend Roger Whalen  
**Vicar Pastoral:** The Reverend Gail Dick  
**Guest Preacher:** Padre Stephen Courtney, Lt (N) HMCS Cabot  
**Organist:** Mrs. Sharon Whalen  
**C.L.B. Band:** Major Albertine Bethel, Conductor

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**The Royal Salute**

Sentence: "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
let all the earth stand in awe of him."

**Opening Hymn:** **Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah** *Cwm Rhondda*  
*(during which the Colours are paraded in):*

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer.  
be thou still my Strength and Shield, be thou still my Strength and Shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

## Invitation, Confession, Absolution, Lord's Prayer, Preces and Responses

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *(You may sit, kneel, or stand)*

Almighty and most merciful Father,

*All:* **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All:* **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 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.**

## Preces & Responses

*Priest:* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Response:* *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

*P:* O God, make speed to save us;

*R:* O Lord, *make haste to help us.*

*All stand*

*P:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*R:* *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*P:* Praise ye the Lord.

*R:* *The Lord's name be praised.*

*The Congregation may be seated for the Canticles, Psalm, and Lessons.*

## Canticle: Venite (p. 6)

*Anglican Chant*

## Psalm 46

1. God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

2. Therefore will we not fear though the earth be changed:  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell:  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

5. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God:  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

6. God is in the midst of her therefore shall she not be moved:  
God shall help her and that right early.

7. The nations make much ado and the kingdoms are moved:  
but God uttereth his voice and the earth doth melt away.

8. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

9. O come hither and behold the works of the Lord:  
what wonders he hath wrought upon the earth.

10. He maketh wars to cease in all the world:  
 he breaketh the bow and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the  
 chariots in the fire.
11. Be still then and know that I am God:  
 I will be exalted among the nations and I will be exalted in the earth.
12. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
 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.

**Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15**

**Captain (Padre) Jeffrey Payne**

**Canticle: Benedicite in G**

*E.W. Naylor*

**Lesson: John 15:9-17**

**Mary Pike**  
 President, 150 Wing RCAFA

**Canticle: Jubilate Deo**

*C.V. Stanford*

**The Apostles' Creed** *(Please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God

*All:* **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you;

*Response:* *And with thy spirit.*

*P:* Let us pray. *(You may sit, kneel, or stand)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*R:* *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*P:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.*

*P:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*R:* *And grant us thy salvation.*

*P:* O Lord, save the King;

*R:* *And mercifully bear us when we call upon thee.*

*P:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*R:* *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*P:* O Lord, save thy people;

*R:* *And bless thine inheritance.*

*P:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*R:* *And evermore mightily defend us.*

*P:* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*R:* *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

**The Collects**

Almighty Lord and everlasting Father, who wouldest have the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ: bestow thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon all who labour for peace and righteousness among the nations, that the day may be hastened when war shall be no more, and thou shalt take the nations for thine inheritance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn:**                    **He who would valiant be**                    *Monks Gate*

1.     He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,  
      let him in constancy follow the Master.  
      There's no discouragement shall make him once relent  
      his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.
2.     Who so beset him round with dismal stories  
      do but themselves confound – his strength the more is.  
      No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,  
      he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.
3.     Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,  
      We know we at the end, shall life inherit.  
      Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,  
      I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

**Sermon**                    **Padre Stephen Courtney Lt(N) HMCS Cabot**

**Anthem: Lord, in thy mercy**

*Mendelssohn*

### **The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation**

*Following the bombing of the mediaeval Cathedral in 1940, Provost Howard had the words 'Father Forgive' inscribed on the wall behind the Altar of the ruined building. These words are used as the response in the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation, which is prayed in the new Cathedral every weekday at noon (in the Ruins on Fridays), and is used throughout the world by the Community of the Cross of Nails.*

*Leader* All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

**All    Father Forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

**Father Forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

**Father Forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

**Father Forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

**Father Forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

**Father Forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

**Father Forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Priest:* Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **The Grace**

*All:* **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Reading:** *High Flight*

**WO1 Lindsay Clarke**

508 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

### **Announcements**

#### **Hymn: O God of every nation**

*(During which the Colours are retrieved.)*

*Ewing*

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.
3. Lord, strengthen all who labour that all may find release  
from fear of rattling sabre, from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

### **The Blessing**

#### **The Ode to Newfoundland**

When sun rays crown thy pine-clad hills, and Summer spreads her hand,  
When silvern voices tune thy rills, we love thee, smiling land,  
We love thee, we love thee, we love thee, smiling land.

As loved our fathers, so we love; where once they stood we stand;  
Their prayer we raise to Heaven above, God guard thee, Newfoundland,  
God guard thee, God guard thee, God guard thee, Newfoundland.

#### **The Royal Anthem**

God save our gracious King, long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us;  
God save the King.

#### **The National Anthem**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the true north, strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

### **The Postlude**

#### **Departure of the Vice-Regal Party**

### **The Gower Street Block Party! – Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m.**

The Anglican Cathedral, The Roman Catholic Basilica, Gower Street United Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invite you to the annual Gower Street Block Party next Sunday afternoon. Join us on Gower Street, in front of the Anglican Cathedral, for live music, entertainment for kids and adults and of course some food for all. The Gower Street Block Party is a free community event. We encourage everyone to bring along a non-perishable food item to be donated to one of the local Food Banks. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**The Ocean Health Labyrinth – On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.,** we will be dedicating our Labyrinth as the 9<sup>th</sup> Labyrinth in the worldwide **Legacy Labyrinth Project** ([www.legacylabyrinthproject.org](http://www.legacylabyrinthproject.org)), which now reaches 3 continents. The Labyrinths are connected through spiritual energy and intention, and each Labyrinth has a focal theme for prayerful intention, the theme of our Labyrinth is “Ocean Health.” That theme has inspired local artist, Dominique Hurley, to create **“Into the Sea of Infinity,”** a print of which now hangs near the Labyrinth. This painting honours God's Creation and reflects the ocean theme connected to our Labyrinth. (Today the Labyrinth is actually underneath the protective temporary covering under the CLB Band.) All are welcome to join us for this dedication!

### **The Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.**

Animals of all kinds flock to the Cathedral for a Blessing in this unique service open to the whole community.

### **Quilts at the Cathedral**

#### **Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Come and enjoy the stunning Cathedral space filled with the colourful beauty and artistry of locally made quilts and needlework. **Suggested Admission: \$5 or pay what you can.** [www.ourcathedral.ca/quilts](http://www.ourcathedral.ca/quilts)

### **Excerpts from “The origins of the Battle of Britain Ceremony” by Major Mathias Joost**

Each year, on the Sunday between September 15th and 21st, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) celebrates Battle of Britain Sunday. The Battle of Britain was celebrated even before the Second World War had ended. Originally, it was a celebration of thanksgiving, but it was not the first such event. In March 1941, King George VI requested the Empire join him in a day of prayer for “divine favour” in the Battle of the Atlantic. Not until 1943 was there a celebration for the Battle of Britain when, in August, the King proclaimed 26 September as Battle of Britain Sunday to commemorate the deeds of the RAF and civil defence workers who had participated in this pivotal battle, combining it with Civil Defence Day. The date was chosen as it fell within “the most decisive phase of the massed attacks against the United Kingdom”.

In Canada, RAF schools and units were required to hold a ceremony. The RCAF followed suit but as a suggestion and not a mandatory event. Some RCAF stations heeded the King's request and RCAF headquarters' suggestion, holding their own ceremonies, but many did not. On Thursday, September 2 1943, RCAF Station Trenton in Ontario held a ceremony in conjunction with the commanding officer's parade. The next year, a Battle of Britain ceremony was held on the 15th, again combined with the commanding officer's parade. In 1945, there was no parade because of bad weather.

In the nation's capital, RCAF Station Rockcliffe held the ceremony on September 17, 1944, starting at 9:00 a.m. with a parade, followed by separate Protestant and Roman Catholic church services at 11:00 a.m. In 1945, the ceremony was again a combination parade and religious services, held this time on September 14. Ceremonies were not just held at the larger stations in Canada. No. 2 Filter Detachment in Victoria, British Columbia, was one of several small units that held a ceremony.

In 1947, the RCAF formalized the Battle of Britain ceremony, issuing Air Force Administrative Order A9/6 on June 30. It was noted, “In view of the historical significance of the Battle of Britain, the culminating engagement of which took place on 15 September 1940, and the part played by personnel of the RCAF in its victorious conclusion, the Battle of Britain is to be commemorated annually by the Royal Canadian Air Force on the Sunday following the 15 September or on that date when it falls on a Sunday”. From 1947 onwards, the Battle of Britain ceremony was observed as a celebratory and religious event. At stations such as Edmonton and Calgary, it was noted in the operations orders that all RCAF officers were to attend a religious ceremony, either as part of the church parade or at a local church for those who were not on parade. After integration, those Canadian Forces bases with a primarily aviation-related operational component continued the ceremony; at others it lapsed. The church ceremony has remained a requirement in the Canadian Forces Administrative Order and continues to be observed at many bases. The new regulations have removed the service of thanksgiving.

The original focus on RCAF personnel of the Battle of Britain has also changed. Today, with fewer than a handful of Battle of Britain veterans remaining and Second World War veterans becoming fewer, along with the many operations in which the Air Force has participated since the Second World War, it is only natural that the Battle of Britain ceremony has become a venue at which we celebrate the contributions of all our veterans.

The Battle of Britain ceremony has become the RCAF's day to celebrate its service to Canadians as well as its accomplishments in peace and war.

Source: <http://www.rcf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/article-template-standard.page?doc=the-origins-of-the-battle-of-britain-ceremony/ielslmpm>