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# The Corner Stone

OF

## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WILL, IF GOD PERMIT, BE LAID BY THE

HON. & RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO,

On **MONDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1844.**

Divine Service will be performed at Two o'Clock, at the Cathedral Church,  
and a

### SERMON

Preached by the Lord Bishop in aid of the Building Fund.

*The following shall be used instead of the Psalms and Lessons for the day.*

PSALMS lxxx, cii.

**First Lesson**.....MALACHI iii.

PSALM cxxxii.

**Second Lesson**.....MATTHEW xxvi. v. 6 to 14.

PSALM xlviii.

THE NICENE CREED.

*After the Sermon the Congregation will proceed from the Church to the Ground,  
where the following Service will be used:*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

*Priest.* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Priest.* O God, make speed to save us.

*Answer.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Priest.* Glory be to the Father, &c.

*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, &c.

*Priest.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.

## COLLECTS.

**P**REVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, 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.*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**L**ORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness: that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**S**TIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Unity.*

**O** GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LAYING OF THE STONE,

*During which will be read these Sentences :*

Her foundations are upon the holy hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.—Psalm xxxvii. 1.

Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it : except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.—Psalm cxxvii. 1.

He shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying Grace, grace unto it.—Zach. iv. 7.

And of Sion it shall be reported, that He was born in her : and the Most High shall stablish her.—Psalm lxxxvii. 5.

**The Stone being laid,**

This corner-stone of the foundation we lay in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost : and may God Almighty grant that the building thus begun in his name may be happily carried on to its complete termination, without injury or accident, let or hindrance ; and that when completed, it may be consecrated and set apart for Him and his service, to the honour of his Name, and the salvation of the souls of men, from generation to generation ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## HYMN.

Christ is our corner-stone,  
On Him alone we build ;  
With His true Saints alone  
The courts of heaven are filled.  
On his great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

Here, gracious God, do Thou  
For evermore draw nigh ;  
Accept each faithful vow,  
And mark each suppliant sigh.  
In copious shower  
On all who pray  
Each holy day  
Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once given,  
Be with us evermore,  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.

Praise to the God of heaven,  
Praise to His only Son,  
And praise to him be given  
Who joins Them both in One ;  
The Holy Dove  
Who makes us meet  
For the blest seat  
Of God above.

**The Benediction.**