



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF COOPERS

THE HENRY CLOKER SERVICE THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

In the Church of
ST. BOTOLPH-WITHOUT-BISHOPSGATE

Rector
Priest Missioner

Father David Armstrong
Father Andrew Williams

Honorary Chaplain,
The Coopers' Company
and Preacher

Canon Roger Hall, MBE
Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM The Queen
HM Tower of London

Wednesday 13th October, 2021 at 11.45 a.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF COOPERS

Master	Mr. Bill Scott
Upper Warden	Mrs. Celia Campbell
Under Warden	Ms. Sara Cheale
Renter Warden	Ms. Clare Hughes, OBE
Clerk	Lt Col. Adrian Carroll

*The Service is held in the Church of St. Botolph-without-Bishopsgate by
kind permission of the
Rector and Church Wardens*

Director of Music and Organist *Mr. Iestyn Evans*

*The music is provided by the Choir and Band of the
Coopers' Company and Coborn School*

THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

Headteacher	Mrs. Sue Hay
Director of Music	Ms. Alexi Williams
Choir Director	Ms. Karis White

*At the ringing of the bell the Congregation shall stand for the entry of the
Court of Assistants and the Clergy*

PROCESSIONAL FANFARE

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

H.F. Lyte (1793-1847)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Remain standing as the Priest Missioner welcomes the Congregation.
Then the Honorary Chaplain gives*

THE BIDDING PRAYER

WE are gathered together to worship God and to give thanks for our Benefactors, in particular Henry Cloker, Grocer, and his bequest to the Company of Coopers.

LET us pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church, that is, for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the world;
FOR our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all those set in authority under her;

FOR this City of London, for the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, the Sheriffs and the Court of Common Council and all those who live and work within its bounds;

FOR all Schools and Colleges connected with the Livery Companies, in particular the Coopers' Company and Coborn School and Strode's College;
FOR the grantees and all beneficiaries and organisations assisted by the Company's Charities;

FOR the Company's affiliated units, that they stand strong and safe in these troubled times;

FINALLY, let us praise and thank God for all those departed this life in the faith of Christ, and especially all who by their labours and generosity have set forward the wellbeing of this Company.

THESE prayers and praises let us gather up in the words which Christ himself taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sit

A BRANCH OF MR. HENRY CLOKER'S WILL

dated the 10th day of March 1573 (he died 1574)
will be read by the Clerk, Lt Col. Adrian Carroll

Stand

HYMN

He who would valiant be

John Bunyan (1628-88)
Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

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.

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.

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.

Sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 12: 14-21

Read by the Master Grocer

Mr. Timothy Coleridge

Stand

HYMN

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Sit

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 14: 7-14

Read by the Master Cooper

Mr. Bill Scott

ANTHEM

Psalm 119:33.39
(Teach Me O Lord)

Philip Stopford (b 1977)

ADDRESS

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Stand

HYMN

(During which a collection will be taken for Christ's work in this Parish. Please give generously. If you are a UK Taxpayer please complete the Gift Aid envelope). Card or contactless donations may also be made – please use the machine at back of the church as you leave.

I Vow To Thee My Country

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

(A poem by Sir Cecil Spring Rice)

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Sit or Kneel

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS

Let us give thanks for all our Benefactors who, by gifts of property, or money, and the rendering of devoted service, have advanced the well-being of the Company and its Charities.

John Baker, John Heath, Nicholas Gibson, Dame Avice Knyvett, John Chorley, Henry Cloker, Peter Theloe, Tobias Wood, Henry Strode, William Alexander, John Banfield, Harold Griffin, Elias William Palmer, Henry Murray Fox, Tony Newton Husbands, Martin Jolly, Bill Skelton, Ellen Palmer, Mark Russell, Anthony Behrens.

And those who in recent years have given generously to the Coopers' Livery Housing Fund.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we offer you our heartfelt thanks for all who have lived and died in the faith of your holy name and especially for all the benefactors of this Company, whom we now remember before you with thanksgiving. Teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom and our lives to the benefit of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us give thanks for the lives of those members of the Company who have died during the past year:

**Jonathan Aubrey Saffron, Colin Churchett, Kenneth Frederick Brand,
Dorothy Lillian Gorsuch, Anthony William Behrens,
Bruce Gordon Picking, Warwick Keith Woodhouse**

MOST merciful God, we thank you for the lives of your servants and for our memories of them. We pray for their families and ask for comfort in their time of need. Help us by your grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth; to remember the needs of others, to help those in trouble, and so to live that we in our turn may not be afraid to die; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Worshipful Company of Grocers

O LORD GOD, we pray thee to bless and prosper all ancient Guilds and Companies founded of old time in this great City for the prosperity of its trade and the spiritual and temporal well-being of its citizens. Especially at this time we ask thy blessing on the Company of Grocers, the Master, the Wardens, the Court of Assistants, the Liverymen, the Freemen and Officers. Endue thy servants with those gifts which shall fit them for the discharge of their duties, and make them to be faithful in all things. We ask this through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Company by the Renter Warden

O LORD, our heavenly Father, giver of all good things and lover of concord, send thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon this ancient Mystery of Coopers; may thy Holy Spirit fulfil the Master, the Wardens, the Assistants of the Court and all the Livery and Freemen with the graces of wisdom, zeal and charity, that all may truly endeavour themselves to serve thee for the good of thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Stand

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

William Williams (1717-91)

GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
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.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, 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, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Sit or Kneel

BLESSING

Given by Father Andrew Williams

Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Redman/Arr Sorenson

Stand

NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-81)

PRINCIPAL BENEFACTORS OF THE COMPANY AND ITS CHARITIES

JOHN BAKER Upper Warden 1484-6 d. 1490

Bequest of land in Basinghall St. near Guildhall, on which stood three successive Coopers' Halls from 1547 to 1940.

JOHN HEATH Upper Warden 1544-5

Provided timbers for the first Hall and paid part of the builders' wages.

NICHOLAS GIBSON Prime Warden of the Grocers' Company 1526-7 d. 1540

Founder of the Ratcliffe Charity which established an Almshouse for 14 men and women and a School for 30 boys.

DAME AVICE KNYVETT Widow of Nicholas Gibson, married Sir Anthony Knyvett in 1541. Transferred her Ratcliffe properties to the Coopers' Company just before her death in 1554.

JOHN CHORLEY Master 1543 d. 1553

Property made over to him by Dame Avice Knyvett passed to the Ratcliffe Charity on his death.

HENRY CLOKER Son of a Master of the Coopers' Company, he was Master of the Grocers' Company.

Bequest to the Ratcliffe Charity to augment salaries of the Schoolmaster and the Usher. A condition of this and other bequests to the Company was the holding of an annual Commemorative Service.

PETER THELLOE Liveryman d. 1599

Bequest to the Ratcliffe Charity.

TOBIAS WOOD Standing Counsel to the Company d. 1611 Bequest to the Ratcliffe Charity for 6 additional Almshouses.

HENRY STRODE Master 1703 d. 1704

Bequest for the erection and endowment of a free School and Almshouses at Egham and to the Ratcliffe Charity.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER Liveryman 1697 d. 1726

Bequest for the benefit of poorer members of the Company.

JOHN BANFIELD Liveryman d. 1826

Bequest for the Almspeople at Ratcliffe.

HAROLD GRIFFIN Master 1932 d. 1940

Bequest for needy members of the Company and for inhabitants of Battersea.

ELIAS WILLIAM PALMER Master 1974 d. 1986

Founder and generous Benefactor of the Palmer Foundation which enables the Company to increase the range of Charitable giving.

TONY NEWTON HUSBANDS Master 1980 d. 1995

Generous Benefactor of the Palmer Foundation.

SIR HENRY MURRAY FOX Master 1976 d. 1999 Generous

Benefactor of the Palmer Foundation.

MARTIN JAMES JOLLY Liveryman d. 2002

Generous Benefactor of The Coopers' Company.

FRANK SEYMOUR SKELTON Master 1985 d. 2003

Generous Benefactor of the Palmer Foundation.

ELLEN LOUISE PALMER Widow d. 2005

Generous Benefactor of the Palmer Foundation.

MARK RUSSELL, Liveryman

Generous Benefactor of The Coopers' Company.

ANTHONY BEHRENS

Generous Benefactor of The Coopers' Company.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY, and others, who have generously given to The Coopers' Livery Housing Fund and the Heritage Fund.



Henry Cloker, Grocer, died in 1574, leaving a will dated 10th March 1573, which remains at the heart of this Thanksgiving Service at the Church of St. Botolph-without-Bishopsgate.

Henry Cloker bequeathed houses in Crooked Lane, London, to the Coopers' Company upon trust that they pay the Grocers' Company 40 shillings each year. Whilst many aspects of the will have changed in the passing of time, it is read each year and provides an historical and important linkage between both the Grocers and Coopers.

It is not easy to be precise about the value of 40 shillings in today's currency, but suffice to say it would exceed £800 per annum. There is little doubt, however, that Henry Cloker would be delighted to know that his will remains an important part of the Coopers' Company Calendar and that the charitable essence of it is foremost in the work of both the companies involved.