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A service of

**Holy Communion with
Thanksgiving on the
75th Anniversary of the
start of the Restoration
of this Church**

**Sunday 21st June 2026
11am-12.30pm**



Crown Prince Olav of Norway (later King Olav V) in the post war ruins of the church in conversation with The Reverend Augustus Powell Miller (centre), Rector of St Olave Hart Street before the laying of the first Restoration Stone at the church on 15 June 1951

Welcome to St Olave Hart Street

This service commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the laying of the first Restoration Stone at St Olave Hart Street by King Haakon VIIth of Norway on 15th June 1951 with Crown Prince Olav and The Bishop of Trondheim in attendance. We are delighted to be joined by our friends from The Norwegian Church in London and the clergy and choir of Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, where Olaf is buried. We look forward to strengthening these relationships as we prepare for further celebrations in the run up to 2030, which marks one thousand years since Olaf became a saint. Thank you to all who support this remarkable church, to our special guests, to our Parish Administrator Isaac Hodnett for helping to assemble this order of service and our joint choirs for the wonderful music:

Thomas Berg-Juul, Conductor and Artistic Director, Nidarosdomens Guttekor
Johannes Köpple, Executive Director, Nidarosdomens Guttekor
The Nidaros Cathedral Boys' Choir (Nidarosdomens Guttekor)
Dr Marilyn Ruth Brattskar, Kantor and Organist at Holmen Church
Colin Spinks, Director of Music, St Olave Hart Street
The St Olave Scholars



Processional Order

Civic Procession

Verger

The Hon. Mary Ann Slim, The Master of The Clothworkers' Company
Deputy Marianne Fredericks Common Councillor of Tower Ward

Churchwardens

Brian Grumbridge
Graham Mundy
Penny Ritchie Calder

Clerical Procession

Crucifer

Visiting Clergy

The Reverend Ellen Marie Skillingstad,
Chaplain of The Norwegian Church in London

The Reverend Geir Øy
Rector of The Norwegian Church in London

The Reverend Canon Andreas Hilmo Grandy-Teig
Canon Precentor and Vicar, Nidaros Cathedral, Trondheim

Dr Jim Harris
Licensed Lay Minister, St Olave Hart Street

The Reverend Phillip Dawson
Rector of St Olave Hart Street

The Venerable Katherine Hedderly
Archdeacon of Charing Cross

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Played by Dr Marilyn Ruth Brattskar

Please stand as the procession enters and the choir sings the:

Introit

Jubilate - *Britten*

Greeting

In the name of the + Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome may be said. We remain standing and say together the Prayer of Preparation:

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We remain standing to sing the:

Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
has thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before
him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him!**

The congregation sits for:

The Confession

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

A priest will pronounce The Absolution:

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The congregation stands to sing:

The Gloria *Thorne*

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.
Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father.

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

For you alone are the Holy one, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have send the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The congregation sits as The Honourable Mary Ann Slim, Master of The Clothworkers' Company reads the:

First Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

Derfor er dere ikke lenger fremmede og utlendinger. Nei, dere er de helliges medborgere og Guds familie. Dere er bygd opp på apostlenes og profetenes grunnvoll, med Kristus Jesus selv som hjørnesteinen. Han holder hele bygningen sammen, så den vokser til et hellig tempel i Herren, og i ham blir også dere bygd opp til en bolig for Gud i Ånden.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation is invited to stand and join the choir in singing the:

Gradual Hymn *Built on the Rock the Church doth stand*

This ancient hymn is referenced in King Haakon VII's speech at St Olave Hart Street in 1951, an extract of which is at the back of this booklet.

Kirken den er et gammelt hus,
står om enn tårnene faller;
tårnene mange sank i grus,
klokker enn kimer og kaller,
kaller på gammel og på ung,
mest dog på sjelen trett og
tung,
syk for den evige hvile.

*Built on the Rock the Church doth
stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land;
Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of men distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.*

Himlenes Gud visst ei bebor
hus våre hender kan bygge,
Arkepaulunet var på jord
kun av hans tempel en skygge,
selv dog en bolig underfull
bygde han seg i oss av muld,
reiste av gruset i nåde.

*Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling,
High in the heav'ns His temple
stands,
All earthly temples excelling;
Yet He who dwells in Heav'n above
Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.*

Vi er Guds hus og kirke nu,
bygget av levende stener,
som under kors med ærlig hu
troen og dåpen forener.
Var vi på jord ei mer enn to,
bygge dog ville han og bo
hos oss med hele sin nåde.

Dog våre hus med kirkenavn
bygget til Frelserens ære,
der han de små tar mildt i favn,
er oss som hjemmet så kjære.
Herlige ting i dem er sagt,
der har han gjort med oss sin
pakt,
han som oss himmerik
skjenker!

Give da Gud, at hvor vi bor,
alltid når klokkene ringer,
samles vi må om Jesu ord,
der hvor fra himlen det klinger:
«Verden vel ei, men dere ser:
Alt hva jeg sier, se, det skjer!
Fred være med dere alle!

*We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation;
He fills our hearts, His humble
thrones,
Granting us life and salvation;
Were two or three to seek His face,
He in their midst would show His
grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.*

*Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus His children is blessing;
Higher we come to praise His name,
Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us His Spirit sent,
Making with us His covenant,
Granting His children the kingdom.*

*Grant then, O God, your will be done,
That when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know
Me,
You, not the world, My face shall see:
My peace I leave with you always.*

The congregation remains standing as The Reverend Geir Øy reads the:

Gospel Reading John 2.19-22

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus svarte dem: «Riv ned dette tempelet, og jeg skal reise det opp igjen på tre dager.» «I førtiseks år har de bygd på dette tempelet, og du vil reise det opp igjen på tre dager?» sa de. Men det tempelet han talte om, var hans egen kropp. Da han var reist opp fra de døde, husket disiplene hans at han hadde sagt dette, og de trodde det som står skrevet og det ordet Jesus hadde sagt.

Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits for:

The Sermon: The Reverend Phillip Dawson, Rector

We stand to profess our faith by saying together the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

*The Archdeacon of Charing Cross and other ministers gather before the
Restoration Stone, for the liturgy of:*

Thanksgiving on the 75th Anniversary of the start of the Restoration of the church

A message from the Bishop of Trondheim

Read by The Reverend Canon Andreas Hilmo Grandy-Teig

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Venerable Katherine Hedderly, Archdeacon of Charing Cross

Let us remember before God those who shared in the restoration of this church: King Haakon VII of Norway; Bishop Arne Fjellbu of Trondheim; Augustus Powell-Miller, Rector of this parish; Ernest Glanfield, architect of the restoration; and all whose labour, generosity and devotion restored this house of prayer.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, whose providence ruleth all things in heaven and earth: we give thee thanks for thy servant King Haakon VII of Norway, who in the aftermath of war laid this stone and thereby marked the beginning of the resoration of this church.

We bless thy holy Name for all who laboured in that work: for those who planned and built, for those who gave generously of their substance, and for those whose faith and perseverance preserved the witness of this parish through years of rebuilding.

We thank thee also for the friendship between the peoples of Norway and Britain, proved in time of danger, strengthened in adversity, and renewed in our own day.

And as this house was raised again from the ruins of war,
so build us up, we pray thee, as living stones in thy spiritual temple;
that Christ, the Chief Cornerstone, may bind us together in faith,
hope and charity, and that this place may continue from generation
to generation, to proclaim thy glory and serve thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The flag is removed from the stone and the Archdeacon places her hand upon it.

Lord God, we give thee thanks for all that this stone signifies: for
faith maintained in adversity, for the restoration of this church to
thy service, and for the friendship between Norway and Britain
which it commemorates. As we mark seventy-five years since its
laying, bless this Restoration Stone as a memorial of thy faithfulness
through the generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To the glory of God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Read in Norwegian by The Reverend Ellen Marie Skillingstad

The Peace

The Archdeacon of Charing Cross introduces the peace with the words:

Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also, with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. As the clergy return to their positions and the celebrant prepares the altar, the congregation remains standing to sing the:

Offertory Hymn *Praise to the holiest in the height*

During the hymn a collection will be taken for the work of the church. Please gift aid your donations if you are able by completing the yellow gift aid envelopes. A card reader is available at the back of the church. Alternatively use the QR code to make a one-off or regular donation online.



**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways!**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.**

**And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! That he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all His works most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways!**

The congregation remain standing for:

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The priest prays the Preface, which praises God for his mighty acts, concluding
with:*

Therefore with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, recalling our Lord's actions at the Last Supper with the bread and wine including this acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues, ending with the doxology:

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

The congregation may sit or kneel, saying:

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 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei *Missa Brevis in D – Mozart*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus
Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona
nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us peace.*

The priest invites the people to the altar. If it is your practice to do so you are welcome to receive communion here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest at the altar rail. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the choir will sing:

The Anthem

Peace I leave with you - *Nystedt*

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the post-communion prayer set for the day, after which all say:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices may be given. The congregation stands to sing the:

Final Hymn *Fight the good fight*

**Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ is thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face.
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside; lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou are dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

The congregation remains standing for:

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary *played by Colin Spinks*

Tu es Petrus - Nystedt

An extract from King Haakon VII of Norway's speech given at St Olave Hart Street on 15 June 1951

'I feel much gratified to be here in the grounds of the Church of St Olave today, although I am again reminded of the shock we experienced 10 years ago. Many of London's church-bells were silenced, besides that of St Olave, in the course of the last war. But due to its being dedicated to the Norwegian patron saint, I hope no-one will blame me for bearing the memories of this harassed church particularly close at heart. Tales of devastation and reconstruction cling to the annals of old church edifices. Here a crypt, there a wall bears witness of events in the nation's history- and over and over again one is left in wonder at man's perseverance and his fine urge to rebuild. Today we are confronted with yet another example of this. Three churches have been built on this site in the past, and now when we know that the fourth Church of St Olave will have its walls erected in the centre of London, we again realise the truth in the old Northern hymn:

'An ancient dwelling is our church; it endures though its spires may fall.'

Let therefore the new edifice, that will join the broken arches, also symbolise the durability of friendship between nations.

Address by the Right Reverend Arne Fjellbu, Bishop of Trondheim given at St Olave Hart Street on 15 June 1951

The Norwegian Church is as you know a daughter of the English Church. And yet I am standing here today as a representative of a Mother church. I bring on this day a message from the Church, the Cathedra of Nidaros, built over the tomb of St Olaf, the Norwegian Saint to whom St Olave, Hart Street is dedicated. To this solemn occasion I bring a stone from our old Church in Nidaros, in Trondheim. It has engraved on it a Latin inscription of which the English translation is as follows: From the Cathedral of Nidaros built over the tomb of St Olaf, is this stone brought to St Olave, Hart Street, Anno Domini 1951. Psalm 46.

In this little ceremony, bringing you this old stone, lies a thrilling history: Our great Archbishop Eystein, the famous architect of the Cathedral in Trondheim, had in the twelfth century to flee to England. He was in a hard fight with his King. Here in this Country he studied your Cathedrals. After years he returned, inspired by your marvellous Cathedrals and in this inspiration he continued to build his Cathedral. This stone I have brought is from the Cathedral inspired by your ancient architects, building your Cathedrals in honour of God. This stone represents the ecclesiastical and spiritual succession in our two churches. I am glad to know that the Rector of this congregation, Mr Powell Miller, will give this stone a place in the walls of the church you are rebuilding.

But I have also a message to bring you from the whole Norwegian Church, not only from my Cathedral. St Olaf and the Cathedral of Nidaros represents in a monumental way the Norwegian Church, the Norwegian people, our whole history. You know the history of St Olaf. His defeat at Stiklestad became the history of Christianity and Church in Norway. Through defeat to victory. That is the story of St Olaf.

During the long years of war, those years when we stood together with the gallant British people in a fight, which often seemed hopeless, we often remembered the fate of St Olaf: Through defeat to victory. It is perhaps astonishing for you to hear that the Cathedra of Nidaros is not dedicated St Olaf. The church where the shrine of St Olaf in the middle age called forth pilgrimages from the whole of Northern Europe, is dedicated Christ Himself, Christ Who was crucified and resurrected. Here we are founded on the Christian gospel itself: Through defeat to victory.

This church in Hart Street, the ruin of St Olave, is a witness itself of that defeat. But now we are laying the first stone for rebuilding, for victory. The church here, St Olave, is a message about defeat and victory, because it is founded on the gospel: Through defeat to victory. And the living congregation living here among earthly ruins has during these years been a heavenly protest against all ruins. Therefore I had the stone engraved: Psalm 46: "*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed.*" This is my salutation, my message from the Norwegian Church to St Olave, Hart Street, on this great day.

Regular Service Times

Tuesday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
12.30pm Holy Communion followed by St Olave Singers Rehearsal
5.30pm Compline/Choral Evensong (2nd & 4th week of each month)

Wednesday & Thursday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
1.00pm Lunchtime Recital
5.30pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday

- 11.00am Sung Holy Communion

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View of the nave of St Olave Hart Street following bomb damage in April 1941