



Loughborough Carillon Centenary Weekend

Order of Service

Saturday July 22, 2023
at 2pm

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Loughborough's
Carillon Tower
Centenary 2023



Civic Thanksgiving Service to mark the Centenary of Loughborough Carillon

Led by the Revd. Wendy Dalrymple,
Chaplain to the Loughborough Branch of the Royal British Legion

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways

Chosen by Mr. Ken Carson, President of the Loughborough Branch Royal British Legion and for whom this will be his 46th consecutive year marking remembrance at the Carillon Tower.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
 In purer lives Thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
 Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm!

Bible Reading from Ecclesiastes

Read by the Mayor of Charnwood, Cllr Margaret Smidowicz

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Address

Silent Chimes

A new composition of music and words

by local composer Pip Greasley to mark the centenary of the Carillon.

Prayers

Hymn: I vow to thee my country

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 questions, 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.

Blessing

SILENT CHIMES

A new work by Pip Greasley to celebrate the centenary of Loughborough Carillon.

This is one of the few works specially written for Loughborough Carillon since Elgar was first commissioned to create his famous work Memorial Chimes for the original inauguration ceremony one hundred years ago on July 22, 1923.

Each one of the 47 bells is inscribed with names of the fallen. During the performance, four bells are individually struck as their inscriptions are read out. One of the bells, the lowest pitched at C, was donated by bell maker John Taylor in memory of his sons.

An unusual quirk of the carillon is that it was built less bass notes C sharp and D sharp. These 'silent bells' as being used a symbolic gesture, so that when 'struck' they enable us to reflect on the families and children caught up in conflict – then and now.

It's also to signify how moments of silence might ring the changes for a future of hope and harmony – hence Silent Chimes.

Pip Greasley is an internationally acclaimed composer, who has written scores for movies and operas for television. In developing the score, he has worked closely with Caroline Sharpe, the Borough Carillonneur.