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THE OPENING AND DEDICATION

of the new

WENTWORTH MEMORIAL CHURCH VAUCLUSE

by

THE MOST REVEREND HUGH ROWLANDS GOUGH,

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ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY, PRIMATE OF AUSTRALIA

on SUNDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1965

at 3.00 p.m.

RECTOR: The Reverend N. C. BATHGATE

CHURCH WARDENS:

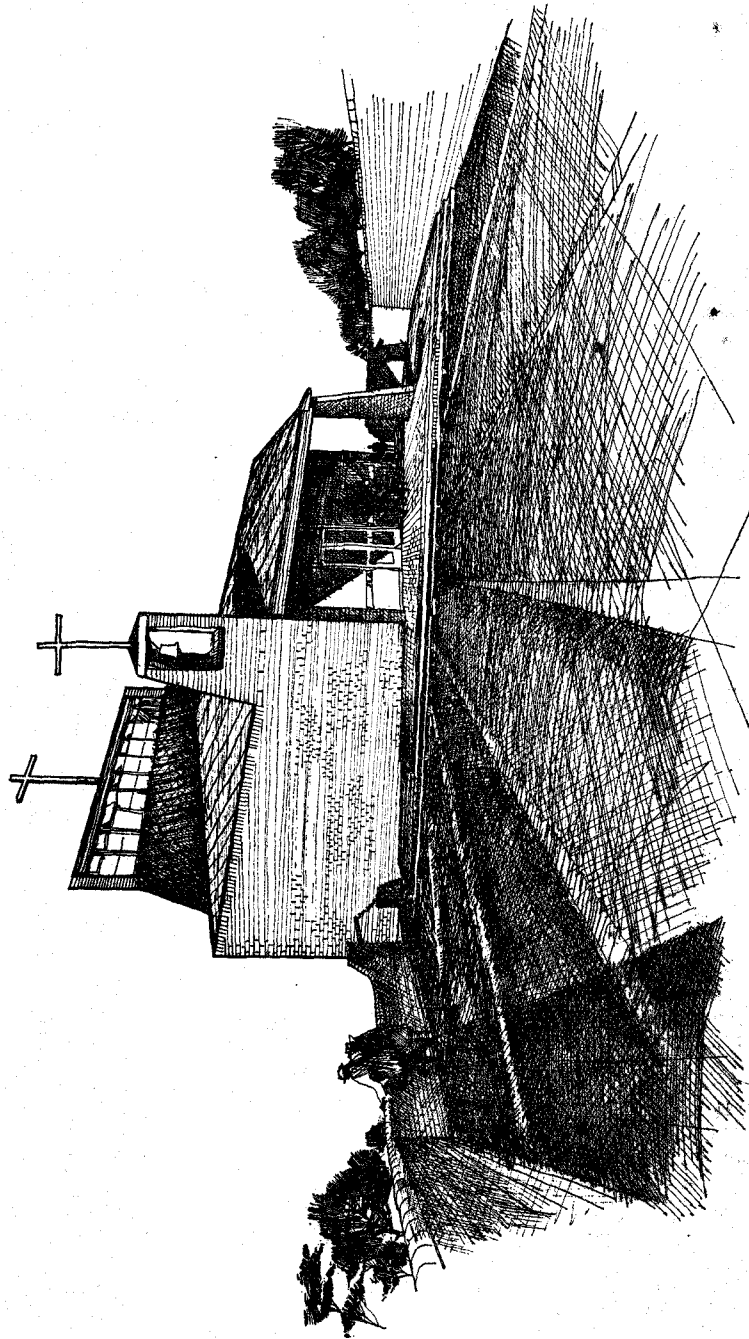
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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Archbishop, attended by his Chaplain, the Registrar and the Rural Dean, shall be received at the door by the Minister and Wardens of the Church.

The Rector shall say:

Most Reverend Father in God, we, the Rector and Church Wardens of this Church, do humbly pray that this Church be now opened and dedicated.

The Congregation shall stand and turn towards the principal door. The Registrar shall deliver a petition to license the Church to the Archbishop, who will say:

We are ready to proceed to the dedication.

Then the Archbishop shall take his Pastoral Staff in his right hand and knock three times upon the closed door, saying:

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

The answer shall be made from within by the people:

Who is the King of Glory?

The Archbishop shall answer:

It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

The Architect shall hand the keys to the Archbishop; the doors shall then be thrown open and the Archbishop will enter and say:

Peace be to this House from God our heavenly Father,
Peace be to this House from His Son who is our Peace,
Peace be to this House from the Holy Spirit the Comforter.

The Archbishop, preceded by the Clergy and Churchwardens, shall enter the Church and proceed to the Sanctuary during the singing of the hymn "Praise my soul the King of Heaven".

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, Alleluia.
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;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
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,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.

WENTWORTH MEMORIAL CHURCH, VAUCLUSE

GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED

The Rector and Church Officers gratefully acknowledge gifts of furniture, etc., from the following people. The inscription on the article gives memorial details:—

PIPE ORGAN: Given by Mona Bracey.

Specifications.—Designed and built by R. H. Pogson, Esq. The organ is a two manual and pedal. It is an extension type organ based on 4 ranks of pipes to the manuals and a separate rank to the pedals.

Great organ—Eight speaking stops.

Positive organ—Eight speaking stops.

Pedal organ—Five speaking stops.

Total of 21 speaking stops.

The action is ELECTRO-PNEUMATIC with detached console.

HOLY TABLE

CREDENCE TABLE

COMMUNION RAILS & KNEELERS

SANCTUARY CHAIRS

} Given by the Wentworth Family.

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FOUR HAND-CARVED OFFERTORY PLATES: Mrs. C. Duncan and Miss J. S. Duncan.

BOOK MARKS: Given by Wentworth Church Boys' Club.

FLOWER VASES: Given by Wentworth Youth Fellowship.

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SERVICE BOOK: Given by Mrs. G. Cartwright.

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ENTRANCE TABLE: Given by Mrs. C. Cameron and Mrs. L. Sisley.

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THE WENTWORTH MEMORIAL CHURCH

William Charles Wentworth, explorer, scholar, lawyer, author, statesman, the owner at one time of all the land between Watsons Bay and Rose Bay, was one of the giants of Australian history. The father of self-government in New South Wales, the chief founder of Sydney University, this remarkable man made Vacluse House his Australian home from 1827 until his death in England in 1872. His body at his express wish was brought back to Vacluse and on the 6th March, 1873, at the first State funeral in the Colony, he was laid to rest with solemn pageantry in the vault on the Chapel Road side of the new Memorial Church.

In 1926 the Trustees of his Estate gave the whole block of land between Fitzwilliam and Chapel Roads to the Church of England on condition that a Church and parish hall, or rectory, should be built on the site. In 1928 a local committee was formed to collect funds for the erection of a Church and hall and the sum of £1,303 was donated. Plans were prepared for a fine Church to be built on the central ridge of the block and a hall on the lower level facing Fitzwilliam Road. The Church was to be a branch Church of St. Peter's, Watson's Bay.

The committee was about to launch a State-wide appeal for the balance of the monies needed when the financial depression set in and it was decided to go ahead with the Church Hall, to provide a place of worship until better times would permit of the Church being built. The Hall was completed in August, 1933, and was dedicated on the 20th of that month. Regular Sunday services have been held there ever since.

On the 21st August, 1961, a public meeting in the Hall resolved to complete the work started 30 years earlier and build the Church as a memorial to those residents of the district who served in the Second World War. A further committee of eleven men under the chairmanship of Rev. N. C. Bathgate, rector of the Parish, was elected to conduct an appeal for and manage the funds, and trustees were appointed. The subsequent appeal was so successful that a further meeting in March, 1962, authorised the committee to proceed with plans for the new Church.

The first design proposed was abandoned for reasons of finance. In June, 1964, the committee commissioned Mr. D. Gazzard to prepare another design and contracts for the present Church were signed in the latter part of that year. The final cost of the building is in the order of £33,500, of which £15,000 has been borrowed by bank loan and is to be repaid over 8 years.

His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney has honoured the project by setting the Foundation Stone on the 27th February, 1965, and Dedicating the Church this day, the 19th September, 1965.

The Wentworth Memorial Church rises from its rocky site with the strength of the pioneers and those who followed them in service to their country. From its welcoming forecourt we share the views of Harbour and foreshore that Wentworth loved. It's wide portals call us to worship as friends together.

After which shall be said as follows—(the congregation standing):

Archbishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Answer: Who made Heaven and Earth.

Archbishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Answer: Henceforth world without end.

Archbishop: Prosper the work of our hands upon us.

Answer: O prosper Thou our handiwork.

Archbishop: Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer: And let our cry come unto Thee.

Then the Archbishop shall address them as follows:

Dearly beloved in the Lord: forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Ghost, or by the express command of God, have erected houses for the Public Worship of God, and separated them from all profane and common uses; which godly practice hath a manifest tendency to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His Glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service: Let us not doubt but that He will also favourably approve our present purpose of setting apart in solemn manner this place for the several Offices of Religious Worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking.

Then all the congregation kneeling, the Archbishop shall say:

O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot obtain, much less the walls of temples made with hands and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy Name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; vouchsafe O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together, with all humility and readiness of heart, to hallow this place to the honour of thy great Name, separating it henceforth from all ordinary and common uses, and dedicating it entirely to thy service for reading thy holy Word, for celebrating thy holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy Name, and for the performance of all other holy Ordinances. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O God the Father of heaven, who hast promised in thy holy Word that, in every place where the remembrance of thy Name shall be put, Thou wilt come and bless thy people; come, we beseech thee, now unto us, and bless us, who do put upon this place the memorial of thy Name, and dedicate it to thy service, and to the worship of thy everlasting Fatherhood in the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, who in thy ministry here on earth didst honour and adorn with thy presence the Feast of the Dedication of the Temple, be present, we beseech thee, at the Dedication of this Temple unto thee, and accept and prosper the work of our hands. Amen.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, without whom no place or person is sanctified, send down thy sanctifying power and grace upon us in this place, and grant that all who worship herein may be made living temples holy and acceptable unto thee. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Then shall be sung the following Psalm:

PSALM 122

1. I was glad when they said 'unto' me: We will 'go into the' house of the ' Lord.
2. Our ' feet shall ' stand ' in thy ' gates: ' O Je ' rusalem.
3. Jerusalem is ' built as a ' city: that is at ' unity in it ' self.
4. For thither the tribes go up, even the ' tribes of the ' Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give thanks ' unto the ' Name of the ' Lord.
5. For there is the ' seat of ' judgment: even the ' seat of the ' house of ' David.
6. O pray for the ' peace of Je ' rusalem: they shall ' prosper that ' love ' thee.
7. Peace be with ' in thy ' walls: and ' plenteousness with ' in thy ' palaces.
8. For my brethren and com ' panions' ' sakes: I will ' wish ' thee pros ' perity.
9. Yea because of the house of the ' Lord our ' God: I will ' seek to ' do thee ' good.

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!
A ' men.

PROPER LESSON

W. C. WENTWORTH, M.P., shall read 2 Chronicles ch. 6,
vv. 12 to 21 and ch. 7, vv. 1 to 3.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

While the Archbishop is proceeding to the Font the Choir and Congregation shall sing:

HYMN

We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells,
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

We love the sacred Font
For there the Holy Dove
To pour is ever wont
His blessing from above.

The offerings of the people, having been presented and placed upon the Holy Table, the Archbishop shall say:

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee by Thy good Spirit to put into the hearts of Thy servants the desire to build this House, to Thy honour and worship. Bless them, O Lord, their families, and substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant, we beseech Thee, that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof, to the glory of Thy blessed Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

HYMN

O Thou who makest souls to shine
With light from brighter worlds above,
And droppest glistening dew divine
On all who seek a Saviour's love.

Do Thou Thy benediction give
On all who teach, on all who learn,
That all Thy church may holier live,
And every lamp more brightly burn.

Give those that teach pure hearts and
wise,
Faith, hope, and love, all warm'd by
prayer,
Themselves first training for the skies,
Thy best will raise their people there.

Give those that learn the willing ear,
The spirit meek, the guileless mind;
Such gifts will make the lowliest here
Far better than a kingdom find.

O! bless the shepherd; bless the sheep;
That guide and guided both be one;
One in the faithful watch they keep
Until this hurrying life be done.

If thus, good Lord, Thy grace be given,
Our glory meets us ere we die;
Before we upward pass to heaven
We taste our immortality. Amen.

SERMON

The Archbishop of Sydney.

Then shall be sung this hymn while the offerings of the people are received.

HYMN

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
Thy bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
And all seemed sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on thy people
Thy plenteous grace was poured,
And this was still their message,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy Name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

The Archbishop:

Regard, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this House by Baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, and received as a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. Amen.

And as he shall proceed to the Lectern and the Pulpit shall be sung:

We love the word of life,
The Word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.

The Archbishop:

Grant, O Lord, that by thy holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know that things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. Amen.

And as he shall proceed to the Choir Stalls shall be sung:

We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But oh! we long to know
The triumph-song of Heaven.

The Archbishop:

Grant, O Lord, that they who in this place shall lead the singing of thy praise, may be filled with reverence, humility, and devotion, and may draw the hearts of all who worship with them, to the fruition of thine unknown and eternal glories; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And as he shall proceed to the Prayer Desk shall be sung:

It is the house of prayer,
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.

The Archbishop:

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall confess their sins, and offer up their prayers and praises unto thy Divine Majesty in this place, may draw near unto thee with such steadfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, sincerity, and devout affection of mind, that they may be graciously accepted in thy sight. Grant, this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Grant, when they pray, that their prayer may ascend into thy presence as the incense, and the lifting up of their hands be as the daily sacrifice. Purify their hearts, sanctify their spirits, and fulfil all their minds, that what they faithfully ask they may effectually obtain, and ever give thanks unto thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And as he shall proceed to the Holy Table shall be sung:

We Love Thy Table Lord;	Lord Jesus, give us grace	
Oh, what on earth so dear?	On earth to love Thee more,	
For there, in faith adored,	In Heav'n to see Thy Face,	
We find Thy presence near.	And with Thy Saints adore.	Amen.

The Archbishop:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast given thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ not only to die for us but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Holy Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Hallow this table to thy service, and grant that the memorial of his death may here be made with reverence and godly fear, and the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving be offered with holiness and joy; to the honour of thy glorious name, the benefit of the whole Church, and comfort of souls that live by him, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

LET US PRAY

For those who shall be Confirmed.

Grant, O Lord, that they who in this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows made by their Sureties for them at their Baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may be strengthened by the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and so defend them with thy grace that they may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, till they come to thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

For those who shall be Married.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love and peace together until their lives' end. Amen.

For all who shall make Offering.

Grant, that whatsoever Alms and Oblations shall here be laid before thy Divine Majesty, may come up as a memorial before thee; and that they who offer to thee may feel and know that with such sacrifices thou art well pleased. Amen.

Now unto the King eternal immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM: *"The Lord's my Shepherd"* (Brother James' Air).

The Archbishop shall direct the license to be read by the Registrar.

Good people, by virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we do now declare to be dedicate, and for ever set apart from profane, common, and ordinary uses, this House of God, to be known as Wentworth Memorial Church, Vacluse. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Here, O Lord, let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and Thy saints sing with joyfulness; here let Thy priests offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; here let Thy people pay their vows unto the most Highest, and offer their free-will offerings with an holy worship; here let the burden of sin be loosed, and broken and contrite hearts be healed; here let Thy servants find support in their trials, and a refuge in their distress; and here let Thy holy name be for ever worshipped and adored; through Thy Son and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, accept, hallow, and bless this place to the end whereunto we separate it this day. The Lord with his favour graciously regard our work and send down upon this House his spiritual benediction and grace. Amen.

DEDICATION OF FURNISHINGS AND GIFTS

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these gifts to the glory of God for use in this Church, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Almighty God from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; we give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast put it into the hearts of Thy servants to erect this place of worship. Bless all who for it have offered, or shall offer of their substance to Thee, and grant that, begun in Thy Holy Name, it may by Thy help continue to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES