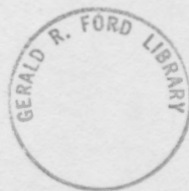


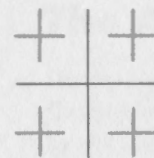
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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL  
IN THE CITY AND DIOCESE  
OF WASHINGTON THE  
**DEDICATION OF THE NAVE**  
**IN THE SERVICE OF THE**  
**ANGLICAN COMMUNION**  
ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE VISIT OF HIS GRACE THE  
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY  
SEPTEMBER 12TH MCMLXXVI



Solemn Prelude (*Gloria Domini*) T. Tertius Noble

### **Hymn in Procession** Aurelia

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore opprest,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distrest;  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,

She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee. Amen.

*The choir and ministers of the celebration take their  
places, and the Dean begins.*

Dean Truly the Lord is in this place; this is no other than the house of God;

People This is the gate of heaven.

Dean The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
whom no secrets are hid: 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.

## The Act of Dedication

*During the following canticle, the Dean escorts the Archbishop of  
Canterbury to the West End of the nave for the first station, accompanied  
by the cathedral clergy.*

Choir Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
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.  
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. Amen.

## STATION AT THE WEST

### A Lesson *sit* from I Kings

The house which King Solomon built for the Lord was sixty cubits long  
by twenty cubits broad, and its height was thirty cubits. The vestibule in  
front of the sanctuary was twenty cubits long, spanning the whole  
breadth of the house. The entrance to the lowest arcade was in the right-  
hand corner of the house; there was access by a spiral stairway from  
that to the middle arcade, and from the middle arcade to the highest.  
Then the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, 'As for this house  
which you are building, if you are obedient to my ordinances and  
conform to my precepts and loyally observe all my commands, then I will



fulfil my promise to you, the promise I gave to your father David, and I will dwell among the Israelites and never forsake my people Israel.' So Solomon built the Lord's house and finished it.

**A Collect** *stand*

Archbishop Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
holy and undivided Trinity,  
three persons in one God:  
inspire your whole Church, founded upon this faith,  
to witness under many forms to the perfect unity of your love,  
one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

**A Hymn** *all join* Rouen

Only-begotten, Word of God eternal,  
Lord of creation, merciful and mighty,  
Hear now thy servants, when their joyful voices  
Rise to thy presence.

Hallowed this dwelling where the Lord abideth,  
This is none other than the gate of heaven;  
Strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal  
Pass through its portals.

**STATION IN THE MIDST**

**A Lesson** *sit* Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is alive and active. It cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword, piercing as far as the place where life and spirit, joints and marrow, divide. It sifts the purposes and thoughts of the heart. There is nothing in creation that can hide from him; everything lies naked and exposed to the eyes of the One with whom we have to reckon.

Since therefore we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to the religion we profess.

For ours is not a high priest unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who, because of his likeness to us, has been tested every way, only without sin. Let us therefore boldly approach the throne of our gracious God, where we may receive mercy and in his grace find timely help.

**Archbishop Laud's Prayer** *stand*

Archbishop Gracious Father,  
we humbly pray for your Holy Catholic Church.  
Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace.  
Where it is corrupt, purge it.  
Where it is in error, direct it.  
Where it is superstitious, rectify it.  
Where anything is amiss, reform it.  
Where it is right, strengthen and confirm it.  
Where it is in want, furnish it.  
Where it is divided and rent asunder,  
make up the breaches of it, O Holy One of Israel.

People Amen.

*all join in singing*

This is thy temple; here thy presence-chamber;  
Here may thy servants, at the mystic banquet,  
Humbly adoring, take thy Body broken,  
Drink of thy chalice.

Here in our sickness, healing grace aboundeth,  
Light in our blindness, in our toil refreshment:  
Sin is forgiven, hope o'er fear prevaieth,  
Joy over sorrow.

## STATION AT THE CROSSING

*The people remain standing, facing the pulpit.*

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Minister When he came to the territory of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do men say that the Son of Man is?' They answered, 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' 'And you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered: 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Then Jesus said: 'Simon son of Jonah, you are favoured indeed! You did not learn that from mortal man; it was revealed to you by my heavenly Father. And I say this to you: You are Peter, the Rock; and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall never conquer it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven; what you forbid on earth shall be forbidden in heaven, and what you allow on earth shall be allowed in heaven.' Matthew 16:13-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to Christ our Lord.

## The Prayer of Dedication

Archbishop O God our Father,  
you entrust to your church  
the means of grace  
given to all humanity  
in Jesus the Lord;  
bless + hallow + and set apart +  
the nave of this cathedral church  
in the service of the Anglican Communion —  
a bridge between the shores of Christendom;  
a vessel whose only cargo is truth;  
generous in the reconciling love of Christ;  
fervent in prayer, and caught up in your Holy Spirit;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

*all join in singing*

Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple,  
By thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,  
Favor thy children, and with tender mercy  
Hear our petitions.

God in three Persons, Father everlasting,  
Son co-eternal, ever-blessed Spirit,  
Thine be the glory, praise, and adoration,  
Now and for ever. Amen.

## THE SERMON

His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury  
The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Frederick Donald Coggan

**A Canticle** *stand* Richard Dirksen

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done,  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name?  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you,  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
(Revelation 15: 3-4)

## The Nicene Creed

Ministers and People 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, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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.

Minister God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save  
us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to  
eternal life.  
Let us therefore confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved  
to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all men.

*The people kneel for the preparation for communion.*

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,

in thought and word and deed,  
in the evil we have done  
and in the good we have not done,  
through ignorance, 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.

Archbishop 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.

People Amen.

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



# The Eucharistic Banquet

## THE KISS OF PEACE

Dean We are the Body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.  
*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## Antem at the Offertory Edward C. Bairstow

Blessed city, heavenly Salem,  
Vision dear of peace and love,  
Who of living stones art builded  
In the height of heaven above,  
And, by angel hands apparelled,  
As a bride dost earthward move;  
Out of heaven from God descending,  
New and ready to be wed  
To thy Lord, whose love espoused thee,  
Fair adorned shalt thou be led;  
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks  
Of pure gold are fashionèd.  
Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,  
They are open evermore;  
And, their well earned rest attaining,  
Thither faithful souls do soar,  
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world  
Pain and tribulation bore.  
Many a blow and biting sculpture  
Polished well those stones elect,  
In their places now compacted

By the heavenly Architect,  
Nevermore to leave the temple  
Which with them the Lord hath decked.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness  
Hear thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls alway. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dean The Lord is here.  
People His Spirit is with us.  
Dean Lift up your hearts.  
People We lift them to the Lord.  
Dean Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.  
Dean It is not only right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places, to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord; For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image; Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born as man, to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us; Through him you have made us a people for your own possession, exalting him to your right hand on high, and sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
And now we give you thanks for your blessings on this house of prayer, where we are stirred to faithful witness, and are built by your Spirit into a temple made without hands, even the body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious Name, for ever praising you and saying:



Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Dean Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ; and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant  
that by the power of your Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to  
us his body and his blood;

For in that same night that he was betrayed, he took bread; and after  
giving you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, 'Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'  
Again, after supper he took the cup; he gave you thanks, and gave it to  
them, saying, 'Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new  
Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of  
sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.

The other Therefore, heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we do this in  
priests joining remembrance of him: we celebrate and proclaim his perfect sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross, his resurrection from the dead, and his  
ascension into heaven; and we look for his coming in glory. Accept  
through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and  
praise; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your  
divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and  
unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
With him, and in him, and through him, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you,  
Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

People Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Here the bread is broken, in silence.*

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

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

Dean As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

Dean Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he  
gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he  
died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and the other communicants receive the holy communion.*

*At the administration the ministers say to each communicant.*

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*The communicant replies each time,*

Amen.

*and then receives.*

## Anthems at the Communion

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

Alleluja. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's  
end. Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluja. O Lord, send us now  
prosperity. Amen.

William McKie

*The communion ended, all stand.*

Dean Let us pray.

All 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.

*During the following hymn, the ministers leave the altar,  
and assemble in the crossing.*

**A Hymn** Quam dilecta

We love the place, O God,  
Wherein thine honor dwells;  
The joy of thine abode  
All other joy excels.

We love the house of prayer,  
Wherein thy servants meet;  
For thou, O Lord, art there  
Thy chosen ones to greet.

Then let us sing the love  
To us so freely given,  
Until we sing above  
The triumph song of heaven! Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL**

Archbishop O God, we pray for your Church  
which exists from end to end of the world.  
Bless all the nations and all the flocks;

the peace of heaven give into all their hearts,  
and also the peace of this life graciously bestow upon us.  
The rulers, the armies and fleets, the councils, the multitudes;  
our neighbors, our comings in and our goings out,  
adorn with all peace, O King of peace.  
Give unto us your peace, for you have given us all things.  
Possess us, O Lord, for we know none other beside you.  
Your holy Name we utter.  
May our souls live through your Holy Spirit,  
and let not the death of sin prevail against us your servants  
nor against all your people.

People Amen.

Archbishop Christ the good shepherd bring you and all who hear his voice  
to be one flock, gathered into one fold;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father + the Son + and the Holy Spirit  
be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Archbishop Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Closing Hymn** Westminster Abbey

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and corner-stone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness  
Hear thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of thee to gain;  
What they gain from thee, for ever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in thy glory  
Evermore with thee to reign. Amen.

**Toccata** Leo Sowerby

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This service marks the conclusion of the dedication of the nave of Washington Cathedral: for the celebration of the day of light; for the gathering and sending forth of the people of God; in the service of the Nation; for the reconciliation of peoples of earth; and in the service of the Anglican Communion.

The consecration of Washington Cathedral will take place when it is completed, and the building free of debt.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL SERVICE  
PERFORMED BY THE  
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Washington Cathedral  
Sunday - September 12, 1976

Departure: 10:45 A.M.

From: Terry O'Donnell <sup>109</sup>

BACKGROUND

You and Mrs. Ford will depart the South Grounds at 10:45 a.m. by motorcade for the Washington Cathedral at which Dr. Frederick Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of Canterbury, will preside at the Service.

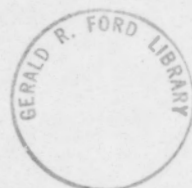
The Archbishop of Canterbury is the Head of the Church of England (Episcopal Church). He was invited to Washington by Dean Francis Sayre of the National Cathedral with whom he will be staying during his visit. The Archbishop will be in Washington September 11 and 12; he will depart this afternoon for Pennsylvania, Long Island, Minnesota, and New York City. He will leave the United States on September 21.

Following the Service, the British Ambassador will host a luncheon in honor of Dr. Coggan at the Embassy; however, you and Mrs. Ford will not attend.

SEQUENCE

10:45 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route the Washington Cathedral, Wisconsin Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.





2.

10:55 a.m.

Motorcade arrives Washington Cathedral,  
North Transept entrance.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE  
CLOSED ARRIVAL

You and Mrs. Ford will be met by:  
Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr.,  
Washington Cathedral Dean  
Reverend Jeffrey P. Cave, Washington  
Cathedral Canon  
Mr. Dick Feller, Washington Cathedral  
Administrator and Clerk of the Works  
Mr. John Kraus, Washington Cathedral  
Verger

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by  
greeters, proceed inside Cathedral.

11:59 a.m.

You and Mrs. Ford are seated.

OFFICIAL PHOTO COVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE: 1500

11:00 a.m.

The service for the dedication of  
the Nave for the Anglican Com-  
munion and Holy Eucharist begins.

NOTE: A printed program will be  
available so that the President and  
Mrs. Ford can follow the order of  
service.

11:26 a.m.

Sermon by His Grace, the Arch-  
bishop of Canterbury The Most  
Reverend and Right Honorable  
Frederick Donald Coggan, begins.



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11:49 a.m. Sermon concludes. The service resumes.

11:55 a.m. The Offertory.

12:10 p.m. Communion begins.

NOTE: You and Mrs. Ford will be escorted by Mr. Bruce Bryan, Chief Usher, to the High Altar to receive Communion, after which you will be escorted back to your seats.

12:30 p.m. Communion concludes.

12:35 p.m. Service concludes.

12:35 p.m. You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by Mr. Bryan, proceed out the Cathedral through the South Transept entrance en route South entrance steps.

12:36 p.m. You and Mrs. Ford arrive South Transept steps.

#### OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

You and Mrs. Ford will be met by:

His Grace, The Archbishop of Canterbury  
The Most Reverend and Right Honorable  
Frederick Donald Coggan  
Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr.,  
Washington Cathedral Dean

12:38 p.m. You and Mrs. Ford bid farewell to the Archbishop of Canterbury and escorted by Dean Sayre, proceed en route motorcade for boarding.

Motorcade departs Washington Cathedral en route South Grounds.

12:50 p.m. Arrive South Grounds.


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INFORMATION  
September 11, 1976

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Brent Scowcroft 

SUBJECT: Washington Cathedral Service  
Sunday, September 12, 11:00 a.m.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England and spiritual leader of the some 46 million worldwide Anglican Communion members, will preach at the Cathedral on Sunday. This service will be the fifth and final service of dedication of the Cathedral's recently-completed Nave. You attended an earlier dedication with Queen Elizabeth II on July 8. The theme of Sunday's service will be "The Anglican Communion." You will have the opportunity following the service to greet the Archbishop.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Bicentennial Visit. Dr. Donald Coggan, addressed as "Your Grace," is paying a two week visit to the United States, his first since his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1974. His trip will take him to New York, Princeton, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Minneapolis, in addition to Washington. The main purpose of his visit is to attend the Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minneapolis at Dean Sayre's invitation. Almost all his church contacts in the United States will be with the various Episcopal Dioceses. The Anglican Church is the mother church of the U.S. Episcopal Church and maintains strong ties with it and the 3.5 million U.S. Episcopalians.

While in Washington, Dr. Coggan will stay Saturday and Sunday with the Sayres. Among his other functions here, the Archbishop will lunch with Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the British Ambassador, and speak to the White House Fellows Sunday afternoon.

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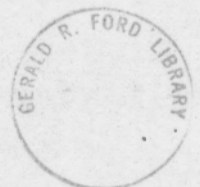
The Church of England. As head of the Anglican Church and "Primate of All England," Dr. Coggan presides over what has been the established church of the land in England since the Reformation in the sixteenth century. Although there may eventually be a loosening of the bonds between the Church of England, the Sovereign, and the Government, the separation of church and State is definitely not a live issue at the moment. (The Church of Scotland - Presbyterian - is completely separate.)

The Church of England counts as members some 28 million persons in the UK as a whole. As in the United States, church attendance has dwindled. This, combined with inflation, has hit the Anglican Church's financial position hard, despite its position as third largest landowner in the UK (after the Forestry Commission and the Crown). Dr. Coggan's own cathedra (bishop's seat), Canterbury Cathedral, is facing a costly restoration after 900 years, for example, and he will probably take the occasion of his visit to plug U.S. fund-raising efforts for Canterbury. A U.S. Committee has been set up with George Ball as Chairman, and it hopes to raise \$1 million of the \$6.2 million needed to restore Canterbury.

Dr. Coggan's Background. Dr. Coggan was appointed by the Queen upon the nomination of then-Prime Minister Wilson in 1974. Dr. Coggan, 66, was Archbishop of York, the number two position in the Church hierarchy, from 1961-74. He was named to York at the same time his predecessor, Dr. Ramsey, went on from York to Canterbury, and served at York until Ramsey's retirement in 1974. Dr. Coggan was Bishop of Bradford from 1956-61.

A biblical scholar of great distinction, he is the author of a number of books, but his most important work was connected with the publication of the New English Bible in 1970. Dr. Coggan's scholarly background in theology includes periods as Principal of the London College of Divinity (1944-56) and as Professor of New Testament Studies at Wycliffe College in Toronto (1937-44).

Dr. Coggan has never been in charge of a Parish. After ordination in 1934, he was for three years Curate (the Vicar's deputy) of the Church of St. Mary in Islington, a working-class district of North London. While in Islington he married Jean Strain, a physician's daughter, and they have two daughters: one a doctor serving in Pakistan and one a teacher. (We understand that Mrs. Coggan was unable to accompany her husband on this trip due to illness.)





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It was also at Islington that Dr. Coggan became an energetic evangelist, and he has been one ever since, distinct from the "High Church" Anglican wing represented by his predecessor as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr. Coggan was a brilliant student at Cambridge and went on to lecture in Semitic languages at the University of Manchester in 1934 before his ordination.

The Archbishop is a delightful person, very attractive and lively, easy to talk to, with a good sense of humor. He is by no means a stilted, ivory tower, ascetic cleric. Dr. Coggan has a wide range of interests, and follows the dictates of his conscience in speaking out on issues of the day. He is, for example, a strong opponent of apartheid in South Africa and of racial intolerance in general, a principled stand that obviously has not endeared him to the some 1.4 million South African Anglicans.

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