

## Closing Hymn

Hymns and Psalms 745

O thou who camest from above

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The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up thy gift in me –

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## Blessing and sending out

May the road rise up to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back,  
may the sun shine upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. **Amen.**

**May 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.**

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Westminster Society Reunion Service 2021  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September



## Welcome and Introduction

*led by Revd Miriam Moul, Methodist Chaplain, Oxford Brookes University*

## Call to Worship

Holy God, we have gathered here today to celebrate,  
to give thanks, to remember, to meet friends old and new,  
**may we recognise your presence here.**

We offer our thanks for this day, long overdue.

Today we have recognised formally  
many years of study, work, and service,  
gifts and skills, taught and shared.

**May we continue to use the gifts you have given in loving  
service in the world.**

**Draw close to us, loving God, as we worship together.  
Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

Hymns and Psalms 267      Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, 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,  
Never more 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 heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## Readings

**Isaiah 25: 1, 6-8**  
**I John 4: 7-21**

## Hymn

Hymns and Psalms 277      This, this is the God we adore

This, this is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchangeable friend,  
Whose love is as great as his power,  
And neither knows measure nor end:

'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,  
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;  
We'll praise him for all that is past,  
And trust him for all that's to come.

*Joseph Hart (1712-68)*

## Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

### **The College Prayer for former students written by The Revd H. Trevor Hughes (MA, Principal 1953-1969)**

Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we commend to thy care the former students of this college.  
Be thou their guide and inspiration wherever they may go  
and whatever the sphere in which they serve.  
Bless them in their work and in their homes;  
in success and in difficulty;  
in strength and in weakness;  
in joy and in sorrow.  
Give them wisdom, patience and love,  
and in all they undertake may they be sustained  
and strengthened by thy Spirit.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**