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Ballynafeigh Knock breda Belvoir Circuit

Belvoir

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Service of thanksgiving and praise

For

Rededication and opening of church halls

By

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Chairman of the Belfast District.

Service conducted

by

Rev. Tom Bodel

I will fulfill my gracious promise and bring you back to this place, for I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. Jer. Ch.29. V10-11.

To God be the glory ! great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory;
Great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon believes.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He has done,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Lord for the years Your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of our years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts, and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains us, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your peoples praise.

Lord for our land, in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, where men disown and doubt You,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves: in living power remake us -
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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

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

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Yours in His Service,
Tom Bidel.