

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CARMEN



FOUNDATION AND FUTURE



**REDEDICATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE
of the Master for 2020-2021
PETER GRAHAM CORDREY
and Wardens Nicholas Laister & Andrew Turner**

**St Elli Church, Lanelli and Ockham End
Wednesday 21 October 2020**

The Whislinge Carman by William Byrd 1612

Introduction and welcome by the Honorary Chaplain
THE REVEREND CANON HUW MOSFORD

Say together:

Confession and absolution

We confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Amen

The Chaplain:

The prayer for St Katherine, Patron Saint of the Company
Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of love in the heart of Thy holy martyr Katherine, grant us, Thy humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in her triumph may profit by her example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

The Chaplain:

The Carmen's Prayer

O Lord our God, we pray Thee to bless our Company of Carmen of this City. May we be Thine for ever. May we fulfil our calling, both in providing the essential service of transport, and also in our good works. Grant that we may manifest Thy glory in the world, and finally come to Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Say together:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

Pledge of renewal and rededication

The Master makes the declaration:

Be it known that on the nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord fifteen hundred and seventeen, the Fraternity of St Katherine the Virgin and Martyr of Carters was founded. And on this day in this year two thousand and twenty we, the Carmen of London, are met to renew and rededicate ourselves to the service of our Company. Let the Pledge of Renewal and Rededication be presented.

Liveryman Miles Linington:

I present this Pledge of Renewal and Rededication of the Ancient Mystery of Carmen.

*The Worshipful Company of Carmen of London.
Pledge for Renewal and Rededication.*

Resolution of the Court of Assistants:

On the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Fraternity of St Katherine, the Virgin and Martyr of Carters,

Inasmuch as this Fraternity and Mystery of Carmen was founded on the nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord fifteen hundred and seventeen,

Be it resolved that this Pledge for Renewal and Rededication be granted with the blessing of our Lord, and that this Worshipful Company of Carmen, Root and Branch may continue and flourish for ever.

Thereto we, the Court of Assistants, Liverymen and Freemen of this Ancient Guild, do renew our fealty to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and rededicate ourselves and all our fellow Carmen, Freemen and Liverymen alike, to the furtherance of the objectives of this our Ancient Guild: To maintain and enhance its traditional interest in, and service to, the City civic, the transport industry and those in need, through the promotion of excellence, good fellowship and benevolence.

Dated this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty

The Master invites the Company response:

May all Carmen, Freemen and Apprentices here present now join in this Pledge of renewal. Let us say together:

Carmen say together:

May this Pledge be granted with the Lord's blessing, and may the Company of Carmen, root and branch, continue and flourish for ever.

We do promise to be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to renew and rededicate ourselves to serve the City, our industry and those in need.

The Master and Chaplain seal the pledge

The Chaplain:

By the will of the Company, the word of the Master and by the grace of God, may this Pledge be blessed.

O Lord our God, we offer this our prayer for rededication that we may maintain our fellowship in service to our City and industry and those in need in Thy name, by Thy grace, and with Thy blessing. Amen

The Carmen's Hymn

Sung by the Carmen Singers (verses 1, 2 and 5)

*O God of virtue, might and fame,
Fulfil in us our humble aim –
To be possessed of steadfast skill,
Yet swift and sure to do Thy will.*

*How glad we see Thy foes defied
By Katherine, our saintly guide,
Who so bestirs this ancient guild,
Our faith with new resolve we build!*

*Most gracious Father, now we pray,
Preserve us in the rightful way,
And lead us past each fearsome bend
To gates flung wide at journey's end.*

Installation ceremony

The Master:

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Heavenly Father, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations, and give them courage to face the perils that beset them, and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Chaplain:

The remembrance of departed brethren

We beseech Thee O God to bless the souls of those of our Company of Carmen whom Thou hast called to Thyself during the past year. Grant them Thy peace, and to us who remain, such grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be called to everlasting life. Amen

The Chaplain:

Prayer for the incoming Master, Wardens and Court

Almighty God, Who knowest the hearts and minds of all men, look down on mercy, we beseech Thee, on our Master-Elect, Peter Graham Cordrey. Grant that, being robed with the mantle of authority, he may wisely rule us; and being invested with the collar of servitude, he may faithfully serve us. We pray Thee also to pour into the hearts of our Wardens-Elect, Nicholas and Andrew, and all members of the Court of Assistants, such love towards Thee, that they may accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done, and by Thy grace be continually given to all good works. Amen

The Clerk:

Master, Wardens, Past Masters, please remove your badges of office and place them on the cushion.

Resolution of the Court

Master, Wardens, members of the Carmen's Company, I have the honour to declare that, by resolution of the Court dated the first day of July in this year twenty twenty, the Senior Warden, Peter Graham Cordrey, was duly elected Master for the year ensuing, the Junior Warden, Nicholas Kenneth Laister, was duly elected Senior Warden for the year ensuing and Assistant Andrew Turner was duly elected Junior Warden for the year ensuing.

Master-Elect, please make your declaration

Master-Elect:

I, Peter Graham Cordrey, do solemnly declare as Master that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, that I will support the Lord Mayor and the City of London Corporation, and that I will be faithful to the Art and Mystery of this ancient Company of Carmen, and fulfil all the obligations of my position as Master

I will observe, maintain, justify and execute throughout my time in office all the laudable and lawful acts, ordinances and orders of the said Company, made or to be made, not acting from fear of favour, affection or reward, nor any hope of gain

I will render good, just and faithful account of all goods, plate, jewels or money, or anything else belonging to the Company which shall come into my custody

I will put my trust in God's guidance and I will serve in fellowship and fraternity all my days

Outgoing Master:

Peter Graham Cordrey

I install you as Master of the Worshipful Company of Carmen for the ensuing year, I entrust to you the duties and the dignity of that office, and I welcome you to the Master's chair.

I invest you with the badge and chain of office.

The Clerk:

Master, please invest the Immediate Past Master with his badge

Senior Warden-Elect, please make your declaration

Senior Warden-Elect:

I, Nicholas Kenneth Laister, do solemnly declare as Senior Warden that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, that I will support the Lord Mayor and the City of London Corporation, and that I will overlook the Art and Mystery of this ancient Company of Carmen

I will keep the good rules and remedies, and spare no-one favour, offend no-one with hate, extortion or wrong, and do no evil through my office.

*I will put my trust in God's guidance,
I will keep the Queen's peace and the City laws
and I will well and truly behave myself*

The Master:

Nicholas Kenneth Laister, I install you as Senior Warden of the Worshipful Company of Carmen for the ensuing year, I entrust to you the duties and the dignity of that office, and I welcome you to the Senior Warden's chair.

I invest you with the badge of office.

The Clerk:

Junior Warden-Elect, please make your declaration

Junior Warden-Elect:

I, Andrew Turner, do solemnly declare as Junior Warden that I will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, that I will support the Lord Mayor and the City of London Corporation, and that I will overlook the Art and Mystery of this ancient Company of Carmen

I will keep the good rules and remedies, and spare no-one favour, offend no-one with hate, extortion or wrong, and do no evil through my office.

*I will put my trust in God's guidance,
I will keep the Queen's peace and the City laws
and I will well and truly behave myself*

The Master:

Andrew Turner, I install you as Junior Warden of the Worshipful Company of Carmen for the ensuing year, I entrust to you the duties and the dignity of that office, and I welcome you to the Junior Warden's chair.

I invest you with the badge of office.

The Master :

Prayer for HM the Queen

Faithful God, whose love is always around us and who watches over us day by day, we thank you for our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for her faithful service to our nation and Commonwealth through 67 years, and for her example of patience and gentleness. We pray for Her Majesty that, in times of pain, you will strengthen her, when sorrowing, you will comfort her and, as she leads us, you will guide her. We pray that we may follow her example of sacrifice and service, so that together we may come to your heavenly kingdom of peace and justice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Dedication by the new Master

Chaplain: *Master, as you begin your year of office as Master, will you dedicate yourself to the service and leadership of this Company?*

Master: *I will, the Lord being my helper*

Chaplain: *In your desire to serve the Company, will you promote peace and goodwill among all with whom you come into contact?*

Master: *I will, the Lord being my helper*

Chaplain: *Will you promote honesty and integrity in the affairs of the City, zeal in charitable works, and good fellowship within the Company?*

Master: *I will, the Lord being my helper*

Chaplain: *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and guide you. May your year of office be a blessing to us all.*

The Chaplain:

Final prayer

The Blessing

National anthem (first verse only)

Carmen Singers Choirmaster Michael Spencer, Organist Derek Carden

The MASTER'S THEME for 2020-2021 is
ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

His chosen charity for the year is
CARMEN'S HALL

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE THE MASTER HIRES A CARMAN'S CART

The Master's 1898 GOVERNESS CART



Every year on Installation Day, Carmen recall their origins, practice and purpose – the service of carriage of goods for public benefit – and the Master hires a cart for a fee of five shillings. This ceremony remembers the hiring of carts from Carrooms or standings on the streets of London, with an annual dispensation by the authorities in honour of the Carmen's heritage. In 1984 a special cart hiring board was created and presented by that year's Master: The Carmen's Car

This year, the cart is an 1898 Avondale cart built by Offord and Sons, established in 1791, who held a Royal warrant. This was a general carriage, typically used by governesses to carry children, due to its reputation for safety – an improvement on the gig or dog-cart. Today's cart is the property of the newly installed Master, but is offered for hire by practising Carmen, his two Wardens. The cart was acquired from late Carman Michael Banfield and has been fully restored to pristine condition by Fairbourne Carriages of Kent. It was duly marked in Guildhall yard last year, powered by the pony, Edward.