

**In the church of the
Parish of St Botolph, Aldgate
and Holy Trinity, Minories
and of the
Ward of Portsoken**



**Commemoration of the 356th Anniversary
of the Birth of the Founder, Sir John Cass, Kt**

in the presence of

**The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor,
Alderman Dr Parmley**

**Wednesday 8th February 2017
11.30 am**

The Organ is played by Stephen Disley.

The Trumpeters are led by Ruth Ross.

The Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School Choir is directed by Pat Bilbrough.

The Sir John Cass's Foundation & Red Coat Church of England Secondary School Choir is directed by Craig Holder.

The Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School String Ensemble is directed by Katherine Chibah.

THE PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH

Verger
Denise Mead

Head Boy and Head Girl, Sir John Cass's Foundation
Primary School and Cass Child & Family Centre
Harvey Balmer and Edie Stables-Cushnahan

Wreath carried by
Senior Prefects, Sir John Cass's Foundation
& Red Coat Church of England Secondary School
Ahmed Choudhury and Rahima Ali

Deputy Head Teacher
Sir John Cass's Foundation
Primary School and
Child & Family Centre
Alexandra Allan

Deputy Head Teacher
Sir John Cass's Foundation &
Red Coat Church of England
Secondary School
Penny Johnson

Head Teacher
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Tim Wilson

Head Teacher
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Commissioner
City of London Police
Ian Dyson QPM

Dean
Cass School of Education
Helen Masterton

Dean
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Professor Marianne Lewis

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Professor John Joughin

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Maureen Gaskell

Deputy Treasurer of the Foundation
Professor Michael Thorne CBE

Treasurer, of the Foundation
Dr Kevin Everett (Deputy)

The Right Honourable
The Lord Mayor, Alderman
Dr Andrew Parmley

The Preacher
The Right Reverend Adrian Newman, Bishop of Stepney

*At 1125 the Procession is greeted by the Rector of St Botolph without
Aldgate, the Reverend Laura Jørgensen, at the West Door.*

At 1130 stand as a fanfare is sounded.

HYMN

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love – as sisters, brothers –
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
never more to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

Words: Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

Music: Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

Tune: Abbot's Leigh

Remain standing as the Rector gives

THE BIDDING

We come to this church today to give thanks to God for the life of Sir John Cass. We recall his generosity and vision in providing education and care for those in need and remember with thanksgiving the generations of children and young people who have benefitted from the Foundation formed in his name.

We pray for the Cass institutions, that they may be lively centres of sound learning, new discovery and the pursuit of wisdom; for the staff and Governors of the Foundation, that they may respond wisely to the needs of young people in London. After the example of our Founder may we use the gifts and talents given to us by God to devote ourselves to the common good.

Rejoicing in God's gifts to us, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on 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.**

Sit

The Treasurer of the Foundation declares

THE STYLES AND TITLES OF THE FOUNDER

“Give thanks to God for SIR JOHN CASS, Knight, born and baptised in this Parish of St Botolph and Ward of Portsoken; he founded his school in 1710.

He was sometime Master of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters, Master of the Worshipful Company of Skinners, Alderman of this Ward of Portsoken, Sheriff of London and a Member of Parliament for the City.

Born February 20th, 1661, he died in his 58th year on the 5th day of July, 1718 in the act of signing the Will by which his Foundation is still endowed.

Give thanks to God for SIR JOHN CASS”

All **Thanks be to God**

Stand

HYMN

during which the Treasurer and Clerk to the Foundation, preceded by the Mace, move to the Baptistery and place a wreath of laurel before the statue of the Founder. On their return to the Chancel, the Mace is laid on the Altar.

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets:
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too;
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too;
in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too;
let my care be active, healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too;
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:
walk one step before me, I will follow you.

*Words: John L. Bell (1949-)
& Graham Maule (1958-)
Tune: Noël nouvelet*

Sit

*The Sir John Cass's Foundation & Red Coat Church of England
Secondary School choir sings*

BEAUTIFUL

Words & Music: Linda Perry

Remain seated

BIBLE READING

Matthew 5.2-12

read by

Ahmed Choudhury and Rahima Ali
Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat
Church of England Secondary School

Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

MUSIC

Remain seated as the Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School String Ensemble plays

Jupiter (*Music: Gustav Holst*)

Carnival (*Music: Thomas Gregory*)

Stand

THE PRAYERS

Professor Marianne Lewis, Dean, Cass Business School

Let us pray for the Foundation's Schools.

O Lord, bless the schools and use them to help your kingdom come on earth. Be present in the schools to inspire both pupils and teachers, so that they always stand for everything that is good. May people bless and praise you, O God, for the day the schools were founded, and may their good work be blessed and continue for generations to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Richard Foley, Clerk to Sir John Cass's Foundation

Let us pray for the Governors of the Schools, the Head Teachers and Members of Staff.

O Heavenly Father, we pray for the Governors, Head Teachers and Staff of the Schools. Inspire them with your Holy Spirit in their work, and all they do for the Schools. Fill their hearts with understanding, love, courage, determination and patience, so their work builds up and encourages the Schools, and shows your goodness in the world: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tim Wilson, Head Teacher, Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School

Let us pray for Old Cassians.

Remember, O Lord, for good, all those who have gone out into the world from the Schools. Keep in their hearts the lessons learned of truth and honour, friendship and loyalty. And grant that no deed or word of theirs may ever sully the good name of the Schools; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Paul Woods, Head Teacher, Sir John Cass's Foundation & Red Coat Church of England Secondary School

Let us pray for the Governors and Staff of the Foundation.

Almighty God, bless with your wisdom the Governors and Staff of the Foundation and inspire them with your love. Grant that they may direct all things according to your will, and use the endowment bestowed upon the Foundation to your honour and glory, and to the good of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Rector

Let us give thanks to God for the generosity of Sir John Cass.

Bountiful God, giver of all good things, we commemorate with thanksgiving the munificence of our Founder John Cass, and the many years of education he endowed in this ward, parish, and city. May we, like him, offer all our gifts and talents to God, seeking always to do his will and living lives worthy of our high calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

The Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School choir sings

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Words/Music: John L Bell

POWER IN ME

Words/Music: Rebecca Lawrence

Remain seated

THE SERMON

given by

The Right Reverend Adrian Newman
Bishop of Stepney

Stand

THE SCHOOL HYMN

Our hearts and voices we would raise
in gratitude, O Lord to thee,
accept our heartfelt songs of praise,
and let us all thy children be.

Sweet charity, the bond of peace,
inspired our Founder's noble soul:
O may the virtue still increase,
and all our acts and thoughts control.

O may our future conduct show
instruction has not been in vain:
do thou thy saving grace bestow,
and make our path of duty plain.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let us cheerfully fulfil,
in all our works thy presence find,
and gladly to thy holy will.

Music: William M. Runyan (1870–1957)
Tune *Gonfalon Royal*

Remain standing as the Rector gives

THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Remain standing to sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!

Music Thesaurus Musicus c.1743
Arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Organ Voluntary: Nun Danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Please remaining standing as procession departs in the following order

THE PROCESSION TO THE SCHOOL

Verger

Denise Mead

The Preacher

The Right Reverend Adrian Newman

Bishop of Stepney

The Rector &

Chair of Governors of Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School

The Reverend Laura Jørgensen

Churchwarden

St Botolph without Aldgate

Christopher Eldridge

Churchwarden

St Botolph without Aldgate

Professor Charles Knowles

The Foundation Beadle
carrying the Mace of Sir John Cass's Foundation
John Ward

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Alexandra Allan

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Penny Johnson

Senior Prefects, Sir John Cass's Foundation
and Red Coat Church of England Secondary School
Rahima Ali and Ahmed Choudhury

Head Boy and Head Girl, Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School
and Child & Family Centre
Edie Stables-Cushnahan and Harvey Balmer

John Cass was born in 1661 in Rosemary Lane (now Royal Mint Street), East Smithfield and inherited considerable property mainly in Hackney, the City and Essex.

In 1702 he was appointed Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Tower Hamlets and was sometime Master of both the Worshipful Company of Carpenters and Worshipful Company of Skinners. He was elected Alderman of the Portsoken Ward in 1710 and in that year held the office of Sheriff. John Cass represented the City in two Parliaments and was knighted in 1712.

In 1709 John Cass drew up his first will declaring his intention to set up an independent charity school in Aldgate. On 5th July 1718 in the act of signing a second will, Sir John died. It is reputed that his quill pen was stained with blood, hence the symbol of the red feathers on Founder's Day. The second will was disputed and the school was closed for a time until the Court of Chancery upheld the will and laid down a scheme for the Charity in 1748.

The Foundation now supports eight institutions which bear the name of the Founder; The Cass Child and Family Centre and Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School in the City of London; Sir John Cass's Foundation & Red Coat Church of England Secondary School in Tower Hamlets; the Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Architecture & Design within London Metropolitan University; the Sir John Cass Halls of Residence in Hackney; the Cass Business School in the City of London within City University; the Sir John Cass School of Education & Communities in Newham within the University of East London; and the Hampshire County Council Cass Foundation Mountain Centre in Wales.

The Foundation is now the largest independent educational charity in London and will continue to look favourably on proposals that improve the educational attainment and life chances of young people in London.