

Form of Service
for
Laying the Corner Stone of

AUTRY HOUSE

A Memorial to
JAMES LOCKHART AUTRY

Presented to
The Protestant Episcopal Church
in the Diocese of Texas

BY
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FOR
"A Community House to be used and enjoyed
by the Student Body and Faculty of
Rice Institute."

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Rev. Harris Masterson, Jr., B. D. - Minister
Music under direction of Mrs. H. M. Garwood

ALL being assembled at the place of the corner stone and taken their appointed places, the Minister shall say: Hymn 383 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Be kindly affectionate one to another, with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another, not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

LET US PRAY.

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father * * *

Minister says: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into hearts of Thy servants to build this House, a memorial to the blessed memory of James Lockhart Autry, to Thy Glory and for the use of Thy people. Accept, we pray Thee, the offering of Thy servants and remember for good all who have made this work possible. Let Thy blessing rest upon this house, that it may serve the purpose for which it was intended. Grant that here brotherly love and true fellowship may ever abound, and Thy people encourage one another in all good works, to the honor of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister says: Behold how good and joyful a thing it is

The People answer: For brethren to dwell together in unity.

M. Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone,
elect, precious.

P. And he that believeth in Him shall not be
confounded.

M. The stone which the builders refused.

P. Is become the headstone of the corner.

M. This is the Lord's doing.

P. And it is marvelous in our eyes.

M. Other foundation can no man lay than that
is laid.

P. Which is Jesus Christ.

Then the minister laying his hand upon the stone shall say:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person, the one Foundation, and the chief corner-stone; Bless what we now do (in laying this stone) in Thy Name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the Glory of Thy Name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

Then all things being made ready, the Stone shall be laid by James Lockhart Autry, Jr., Rice 1921, with these words:

In the Faith of Jesus Christ we place this Corner Stone in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then is sung Hymn 636 How Firm a Foundation, ye saints of the Lord. The lesson: I Corinthians XIII.

ADDRESSES

Rev. Harris Masterson, Jr., B. D., Head of Autry House.
Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Rice 1921.
Rev. Peter Gray Sears, D. D., Rector of Christ Church.

PRAYERS

Grant, O Lord, that our sons may grow up as the young plants.
Grant, O Lord, that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the Temple. Amen.

FOR THE WORKMEN.

O God, who art the shield and defense of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee; to protect and succor the builders of this House. Keep them in their building from all sin and wickedness, and shelter them from all accident and peril, that the work which through Thy mercy, hath now begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy and speedy end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

WASHINGTON'S PRAYER.

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MEMORIAL PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations, most humbly beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in Thy faith, and obedience to Thy Holy Commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice: Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 176. For all Thy Saints, who from their labours rest.