

Westminster Abbey



Civic Service

attended in Civic State by

The Lord Mayor of Westminster

Councillor Judith Warner

and

Councillors of the City of Westminster



Sunday 4 July 2010

11.00 am

THE LORD MAYOR'S CHARITIES

During her year in office, the Lord Mayor is fundraising for three charities: St John's Hospice, The Butterfly Reading School, and the Victoria County History Trust.

Real Action Education: Butterfly Reading School

Situated in Mozart Street W10, the Reading School works with volunteers to teach local children how to read through the phonics reading programme.

St John's Hospice

Based in St John's Wood, St John's is an independent Hospice servicing central and north west London. Using specialist teams to support a wide range of services, the hospice helps those with terminal or life-threatening illnesses, as well as their families and friends.

Victoria County History

Working with volunteers the trust researches all historical periods and volumes are written county by county, using original documents and fieldwork. The Westminster Project has completed the publication of Part One, and a further two volumes documenting the area's history are planned.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Westminster first achieved the status of a city in 1540 when it became for only ten years a bishopric. Its first recorded civic administration dates from 1585 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I when an Act authorised the establishment of a Court of Burgesses ‘for the good government of the City of Westminster’.

While Queen Elizabeth I was creating mayors elsewhere in England, she was concerned that a mayor in Westminster might challenge the authority of the monarch in her own capital city, and therefore she appointed instead, as chairman of her newly created Court of Burgesses, the High Steward of Westminster Abbey. The first High Steward to chair the new Court of Burgesses was the Queen’s First Minister, William Cecil, Lord Burleigh.

The Court of Burgesses was an administrative body, comprising twelve Burgesses appointed by the Dean, one for each ward, which dealt with public health and morality, planning permissions, the prevention and punishment of crime, and the regulation of weights and measures.

However, when the London Government Act of 1899 created twenty-eight Metropolitan Borough Councils, each having an elected Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors, the authority of the Dean and the High Steward in secular affairs ceased.

The last High Steward who was also effectively Mayor was Lord Salisbury, who was then also Prime Minister. The Duke of Norfolk was the first Mayor of Westminster. On 29 October 1900 a Royal Charter confirmed the status of Westminster as a city.

Since 1935, in order to preserve this historic link between Westminster Abbey and the City Council, the High Steward (the Abbey’s senior Lay Officer) has each year appointed the current Mayor of Westminster as Deputy High Steward of Westminster.

The new City of Westminster incorporating the Boroughs of Paddington and St Marylebone was constituted by Royal Charter on 1 April 1965. The following year, The Queen granted the First Citizen the style and dignity of Lord Mayor.

To recognise these links between Westminster Abbey and the City Council, The Dean and Chapter welcomes annually the new Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Deputy High Steward, in State to the Civic Service.

The whole of the church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to ensure that mobile phones, cellular phones, and pagers are switched off.

The service is sung by The Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

James McVinnie, Assistant Organist, plays:

Prelude & Fugue in G BWV 541 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685–1750)

Concerto in F Op 4 no 5 *George Frideric Handel* (1685–1759)

Before the service the 'Laetatus Bell' is tolled. Its inscription runs:

LAETATUS SUM
FLOREAT CIVITAS: FLOREAT SENATUS

*I was glad (Psalm 122: 1)
May the city flourish: May Parliament flourish*

Prior to the arrival of the Lord Mayor, a Procession comprising the Westminster Commander of the Metropolitan Police, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Her Majesty's Coroner for Westminster, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Westminster, and the Principal of King's College London, moves to places in the Quire.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to a seat in Quire. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, who attends the service in Civic State, is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand.

All remain standing. The Procession of the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster moves to places in the Quire by the way of the South Quire Aisle.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing. The Choir sings

THE INTROIT

CANTATE Domino canticum novum: laus eius in ecclesia
sanctorum.

Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum: et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker: let the daughters of Zion be joyful in their king.

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657–1743)

Psalm 149: 1–2

All sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession
moves to places in the Quire and Sacrarium*

LORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Slane 239 NEH
traditional Irish melody

Jan Struther (1901–53)

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says

THE BIDDING

MY Lord Mayor, Councillors, and Officers of Westminster City Council, on behalf of The Dean and Chapter I welcome you to Westminster Abbey, together with all those from this City and beyond who join us to worship almighty God.

We come to a holy place, rich with a thousand years of Christian worship, to thank God for the many blessings of life and for the privilege of public service. We come asking for strength always to strive for the greater good.

We shall pray for all who live and who work in this City, remembering those associated with this City who serve in the armed forces of the Crown and who bring order and law to our City life.

We turn to our loving Father, the God of justice and peace, to pray for the coming of his kingdom:

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.

All sit. Councillor Colin Burrows CBE, Leader of the Council, reads

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4–8

REJOICE in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

All remain seated. The Choir sings

PSALM 125

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness. Do well, O Lord: unto those that are good and true of heart. As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness: the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

All remain seated. The Lord Mayor reads

MATTHEW 7: 13–20

JESUS said to his disciples: ‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.’

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

IVOW to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there’s another country, I’ve heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

*Thaxted 295 AMNS
Gustav Holst (1874–1934)*

Cecil Spring Rice (1859–1918)

THE ADDRESS

by

The Reverend Gary Bradley
Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Westminster

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty: give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

Yea, the voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire: yea, the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness, and strippeth the forests bare.

In his temple doth every one speak of his glory: worship the Lord, in the beauty of holiness.

The Lord sitteth above the water flood: and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

after Psalm 29

All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Michael Macey, Minor Canon of Westminster, leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray in faith to God, the only true keeper of the house and builder of the city:

FOR this City of Westminster and for all who live here: for the work of the Lord Mayor and the Councillors of this city, and for all who bear responsibility in the ordering of our common life; for a vision of community which inspires our labours, and for the use of our gifts in the service of God's people:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR the nations of the world, their peace, stability, and concord; for Elizabeth our Queen, for the High Court of Parliament, for the armed forces of the Crown, in particular for the captain and crew of HMS Westminster; for all who work for the maintenance of civil order and the upholding of the law in this city and nation; for wisdom and discernment in their several vocations:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR all places of worship in this City, and for those who minister to the spiritual needs of our people; for growth in mutual understanding between diverse traditions and cultures, and for the unity of all people:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR all in need and those who care for them; for refugees and those without shelter or work; for the sick, the lonely and the despairing, the aged and the distressed; for all who suffer through violence, warfare, crime, exploitation, or neglect:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR all former members of the City Council, for our benefactors and all who have died in faith; that the glories of the eternal city may be their lasting joy:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ has shown us that the secret of happiness is a heart set free from selfish desires: help us to look not only on our own care, but also on the needs of others; and inspire in us such fair dealing and fellow-feeling as may show our brotherhood in you; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: have mercy upon the whole Church, and so rule the heart of your chosen servant Elizabeth, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek your honour and glory; and that we and all her subjects may faithfully serve, honour, and obey her, in you, and for you, according your blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Choir sings:

BEATI quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are they whose way is blameless: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Psalm 119: 1

All say together:

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

St John Chrysostom (347–407)

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

*during which a collection is taken, by request of the Lord Mayor,
in aid of St John's Hospice, the Butterfly Reading School, and Victoria
Country History, and for the fabric of Westminster Abbey*

IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*St Denio 377 NEH
from John Roberts's Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839*

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GOD grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to the Church,
The Queen, the Commonwealth and all mankind, peace and
concord, and to us sinners, eternal life; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

All 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!

All remain standing.

Music after the service:

Carillon de Westminster Op 54 no 6 *Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

The Choir and Clergy move through the Quire and Nave to the west end of the church.

The Procession of the Lord Mayor and Councillors moves from the Quire by way of the North Quire Aisle and proceeds to College Garden, with invited guests following.

The bells of the Abbey church are rung at 12.30 pm.

Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places until directed to move by the Stewards.

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