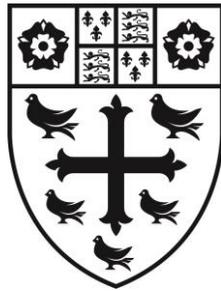


# Westminster Abbey



A Service of thanksgiving for  
The Right Honourable  
the Lord Carrington  
KG GCMG CH MC  
6<sup>th</sup> June 1919–9<sup>th</sup> July 2018



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019  
Noon

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Peter Alexander Rupert Carrington, 6<sup>th</sup> Baron Carrington, was born on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1919, the only son of the 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Carrington and Sybil Colville, daughter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Viscount Colville of Culross. He attended Eton College and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Carrington joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Grenadier Guards in 1938, which subsequently became part of the Guards Armoured Division. He saw active service between 1944 and 1945, participating in the fighting after the Normandy landings, following which he played a leading role in the capture and retention of the Nijmegen Bridge during the Battle of Arnhem, for which he was awarded an immediate Military Cross.

In 1942 Carrington married Iona McClean, daughter of Sir Francis McClean, an aviation pioneer and a founder of the Fleet Air Arm. They shared a life-long enthusiasm for gardening, sculpture, opera and a series of ill tempered dachshunds. Carrington had a love of farming, the countryside, and a particularly deep commitment to Buckinghamshire. He was involved in the county's activities and institutions for more than seventy years and provided widespread local charitable support.

In 1945 Carrington took his seat in the House of Lords, subsequently joining the post war government of Winston Churchill as a minister in the departments of Agriculture and Defence.

Carrington moved to Australia following his posting as High Commissioner in 1956; the children were teasingly known as the 'Hon Poms' by contemporaries. The family had strong ties to Australia dating back to the 1880s when his great uncle served as Governor of New South Wales and his grandfather married the daughter of a preeminent sheep station proprietor. In 1959 Carrington returned to Britain upon his appointment as First Lord of the Admiralty in Harold Macmillan's government.

He served as Minister without Portfolio and Leader of the House of Lords under Alec Douglas-Home and as Opposition Leader in

the House of Lords when the Conservatives fell from power between 1964 and 1970.

In Edward Heath's government, he was Secretary of State for Defence, Chairman of the Conservative Party, and briefly Secretary of State for Energy. Carrington became Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development under Margaret Thatcher. In 1979 he chaired the Lancaster House Conference which led to the creation of an independent Zimbabwe.

After Carrington's resignation as Foreign Secretary in 1982 over the invasion of the Falkland Islands, he became involved with many companies, charities, and other organisations, including the Chairmanships of General Electric Company and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Between 1984 and 1988 he served as Secretary General of NATO. During his tenure, the Reykjavik nuclear disarmament talks between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev took place; he was instrumental in keeping the peace between Turkey and Greece, and allaying Allied concerns over the US bombing of Tripoli.

Following NATO, Carrington returned to Britain and assumed the Chairmanship of Christie's and subsequently the joint Chairmanship of the 1992 European Peace Conference in an attempt to prevent Bosnia-Herzegovina sliding into war. He also served as the Chancellor of the University of Reading and as President of the Voluntary Service Overseas.

Carrington was a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael & St George, a Companion of Honour, holder of the Military Cross, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour. Amongst other awards, he held numerous honorary doctorates from both sides of the Atlantic.

Peter Carrington died on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and is survived by three children; Alexandra, Virginia, and Rupert; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

*Charles de Bunsen*



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

*Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are switched off.*

*The service is conducted by the Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.*

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

*The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.*

*The Band of the Grenadier Guards, directed by Major Mike Smith, performs by kind permission of Major General Ben Bathurst CBE, Major General Commanding the Household Division.*

*Ailish Tynan, soprano, and Marta Fontanals-Simmons, mezzo-soprano, appear by kind arrangement with Garsington Opera.*

*Music before the service:*

*Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays*

Overture *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–91)*  
*from The Marriage of Figaro* *arranged by Jonathan Scott*

Adagio and Allegro in F minor K 594 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

*The Band of the Grenadier Guards plays*

The Young Grenadier *Kenneth Alwyn (b 1925)*

Overture *from The Impresario* *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Nijmegen Company *Philip Hills (b 1947)*

Overture *from The Thieving Magpie* *Gioachino Rossini (1792–1868)*

First Guards *D Burton (b 1956)*

Nimrod *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*  
*from Variations on an Original Theme 'Enigma'*

*Peter Holder, Sub-Organist, plays*

Benedictus *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*  
*from Sonata Britannica Op 152*

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*Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE CStJ, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat.*

*Sarah Clarke, Lady Usher of the Black Rod, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and she is conducted to her seat.*

*The Right Honourable John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat.*

*The Right Honourable the Lord Fowler, Lord Speaker, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat.*

*The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Deputy High Steward, Councillor Lindsey Hall, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand as she is conducted to her seat, and then sit.*

*The Representative of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Right Honourable Sir John Major KG CH, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.*

*The Representative of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, the Lord Boyce KG GCB OBE KStJ DL, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.*

*The Representative of His Royal Highness The Duke of York, the Duke of Abercorn KG, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.*

*The Representative of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, the Right Reverend David Conner KCVO, Dean of Windsor, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.*

*Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, also representing His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.*

*Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, The Honourable Lady Ogilvy, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.*

*His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, also representing Her Majesty The Queen, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.*

*All stand as the Dean conducts the members of the Royal Family and representatives to their seats, and then sit.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The choir sings*

## THE INTROIT

**B**EATI quorum via integra est,  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are they whose way is pure,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

*Psalm 119: 1*

*All stand to sing*

## THE HYMN

*during the which the procession  
moves to places in Quire and the Sacarium*

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Nicaea 146 NEH  
John Dykes (1823–76)*

*Reginald Heber (1783–1826)*

*All remain standing. The Dean gives*

## THE BIDDING

**W**E gather in Westminster Abbey, where many men and women of distinction are buried and memorialised through the long years of our national history and international connections, to give thanks to almighty God for the life and work of Peter, Lord Carrington, who devoted so much of his long life to the service of the Crown and of the nation.

We celebrate his love of his family, his devotion to his own community in Buckinghamshire, his long public service, in the Grenadiers, as a minister, as a high commissioner, at NATO. We are inspired by his bravery and modesty and by his example of high honour and public duty.

So, let us pray today that our land will never lack men and women willing and able to commit their lives to the public good and to the service of Crown and country, and that we ourselves may continue to guard what is right and fight for what is just.

*The Lord Carrington's orders and decorations are brought forward by Victoria Falcon, Charles de Bunsen, Francesca Carington, and Isabella Carington, and are placed on the High Altar.*

*Members of the band play*

Grenadiers Slow March

*traditional*

*Lord Valentine Cecil says*

**O** GOD grant that thy servants, the Grenadier Guards, may ever be mindful of their proud and costly heritage, that continuing to guard what is right, and fighting for what is just, they may so serve thee here in this life that they may be counted worthy to join those who now continue their service in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect of the Grenadier Guards*

*All sit for*

THE TRIBUTE

*by*

The Lord Carrington DL

*Sir David Green KCMG CVO reads*

THE FIRST READING

REMEMBER your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it.

*Ecclesiastes 12: 1–7*

Thanks be to God.

*The choir sings*

### THE MOTET

**H**OLY is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

*William Harris (1883–1973)*

*Salisbury Diurnal*

*The Right Honourable the Lord Heseltine CH reads*

### THE SECOND READING

**T**HEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.’

*Revelation 21: 1–7*

Thanks be to God.

*All stand to sing*

THE HYMN

**O** GOD of earth and altar,  
bow down and hear our cry,  
our earthly rulers falter,  
our people drift and die;  
the walls of gold entomb us,  
the swords of scorn divide,  
take not thy thunder from us,  
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,  
from lies of tongue and pen,  
from all the easy speeches  
that comfort cruel men,  
from sale and profanation  
of honour and the sword,  
from sleep and from damnation,  
deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether  
the prince and priest and thrall,  
bind all our lives together,  
smite us and save us all;  
in ire and exultation  
afame with faith, and free,  
lift up a living nation,  
a single sword to thee.

*King's Lynn 492 NEH*  
*traditional English melody*

*GK Chesterton (1874–1936)*

*All sit for*

THE ADDRESS

*by*

The Right Honourable the Lord Luce KG GCVO DL

*The choir sings*

## THE ANTHEM

**T**HE heavens are telling the glory of God  
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.  
To day that is coming speaks it the day  
the night that is gone to following night.  
In all the lands resounds the word  
never unperceived, ever understood.

*Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)  
from The Creation*

*after Psalm 19: 1–4*

*The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Sacrist, introduces*

## THE PRAYERS

Let us offer our petitions and thanksgivings to God, who holds all souls in life.

*All kneel or sit, and say*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Right Honourable the Lord Waldegrave says*

**A**LMIGHTY God, by whom alone kings reign, and princes decree justice; and from whom alone cometh all counsel, wisdom, and understanding: we most humbly beseech thee to send down thy heavenly wisdom from above to direct and guide thy servants who sit as representatives of the people in Parliament. Grant we beseech thee, that, having thy grace always

before their eyes, and laying aside all private interests, prejudices and partial affections, the result of their labours may be the glory of thy blessed name, the maintenance of true religion and justice, and the wealth, peace, and tranquillity of all our people. And so unite and knit together the hearts of all our people in true Christian love and charity that we may ever praise thee in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Parliamentary Prayer*

*Sir Antony Acland KG GCMG GCVO says*

**O** GOD, Almighty Father, King of kings, and Lord of all our rulers: grant that the hearts and minds of all who go out as leaders before us, the statesmen, the judges, the men of learning, and the men of wealth, may be so filled with the love of your laws, and of that which is righteous and life-giving, that they may serve as a wholesome salt to the earth, and be worthy stewards of your good and perfect gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*a prayer of the Order of the Garter*

*Robert Carington says*

**B**RING us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity: in the habitations of thy majesty and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

*John Donne (1571–1631)*

*James de Bunsen says*

**G**RANT to us, O Lord, the royalty of inward happiness, and the serenity which comes from living close to thee. Daily renew in us the sense of joy, and let the eternal spirit of the Father dwell in our souls and bodies, filling every corner of our hearts with light and grace; so that, bearing about with us the infection of good courage, we may be diffusers of life, and may meet all ills and cross accidents with gallant and high-hearted happiness, giving thee thanks always for all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Robert Louis Stevenson (1850–94)*

*The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon in Residence, says*

Let us pray for the fulfilment of God's Kingdom, in the words our Saviour has taught us:

**O**UR 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. Ailish Tynan, soprano, and Marta Fontanals-Simmons, mezzo-soprano, sing*

<b>A</b> BENDS, will ich schlafen gehn, vierzehn Engel um mich stehn: zwei zu meinen Häupten, zwei zu meinen Füßen, zwei zu meiner Rechten, zwei zu meiner Linken, zwei die mich decken, zwei die mich wecken, zwei die mich weisen zu Himmels Paradeisen.	<i>When at night I go to sleep, Fourteen angels watch do keep, Two my head are guarding, Two my feet are guiding; Two upon my right hand, Two upon my left hand. Two who warmly cover Two who o'er me hover, Two to whom 'tis given To guide my steps to heaven.</i>
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Abendsegen  
*from Hänsel und Gretel*

*Engelbert Humperdinck (1854–1921)*

*Alexandra de Bunsen reads*

**N**OT, how did he die, but how did he live?  
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?  
These are the units to measure the worth  
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.  
Not what was his church, nor what was his creed?  
But had he befriended those really in need?  
Was he ever ready, with a word of good cheer,  
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?  
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,  
But how many were sorry he passed away?

*The Measure of a Man  
Summer Sandercox (b 1990)*

*Virginia Carington reads*

THAT man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of intelligent men, who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul: who never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty nor failed to express it; who looked for the best in others, and gave the best he had; his memory is a benediction.

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

*All stand to sing*

### THE HYMN

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 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 life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All sing*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**G**OD 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 as the choir and clergy depart. The organist plays*

*Allegro vivace from Overture  
from William Tell*

*Gioachino Rossini  
arranged by Edwin Lemare (1865–1934)*

*The band plays*

*March from Scipio  
Regimental Slow March*

*George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)*

*British Grenadiers  
Regimental Quick March*

*traditional*

*The bells of the Abbey Church are rung*

*There will be a retiring collection in aid of Hope and Homes for Children*

