Westminster Abbey

A Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving to mark ANZAC Day

Thursday 25th April 2019
Noon
HISTORICAL NOTE

This year marks the 104th anniversary of the landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25th April 1915.

The Gallipoli campaign exacted a heavy toll on both sides. Some 50,000 Allied troops from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, France, Newfoundland, and India lost their lives. Including those wounded or evacuated for sickness, the total number of Allied casualties numbered around 142,000. The Turkish forces lost over 86,000 in addition to more than 164,000 wounded.

Australian and New Zealand forces fought for the first time under a united command as the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, or, more famously, the ANZACs. Casualties at Gallipoli amounted to almost 9,000 Australians killed and in excess of 19,000 wounded. For New Zealand, near to 3,000 lost their lives and over 5,000 were wounded. These figures do not include those who died in the years following as a result of their physical wounds or mental trauma.

By April 1919, the war was over but many Australian and New Zealand troops were still in Europe or here in the United Kingdom, awaiting troop ships to return home.

For many the very personal cost of war continued daily. While the guns had fallen silent, those fortunate enough to survive returned to a world forever changed, many left to face their own battles of the mind. First officially recognised during WW1, shell-shock, combat fatigue—Post Traumatic Stress Disorder—is an enduring experience of all wars. Today we recommit to those who became broken of body and mind, but who were not broken of spirit. We acknowledge those who have suffered, some with a lived experience of suicide and mental health struggles, and their families, friends and supporters.

In both countries, ANZAC Day, 25th April, not only commemorates those first landings at Gallipoli, but also all Australians and New Zealanders who have given of themselves in the service of their countries and communities.
Soldiers, wives, and children arrive in Wellington on SS Athenic in March 1919. The government arranged for the brides and babies of New Zealand soldiers who had married women overseas during the war to travel to New Zealand with them. Most came out after the war.

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June 1919: A group of women in a crowd are a study in expressions at the Anzac Buffet in Hyde Park, Sydney, where relations waited to welcome home their loved ones, including some wounded, as the cars (not seen) drew up and deposited their loads of Returned Soldiers. The woman holding the Box Brownie camera is Miss Myra Harvey and beside her, the older woman with glasses, is Mrs Elizabeth McCallum. As men started returning from the front, the Anzac Buffet became the place where men were welcomed home.

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

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, conducted by James O’Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

The Fanfare Trumpeters from the Royal Artillery Band are directed by Captain Robert Smith, Director of Music.

The Australian flag is borne by Warrant Officer 2 Kayne Falconer, Australian Army.

The New Zealand flag is borne by Flight Lieutenant Percey Behersing, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The Turkish flag is borne by Staff Sergeant Ozan Süslü, Military Administrative Attaché.

The flag of the United Kingdom is borne by Major Nicholas Westlake-Toms, King’s Royal Hussars.

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Before the service, Alexander Hamilton, Organ Scholar, plays

Solemn Prelude—In memoriam Edward Elgar (1857–1934)
from For the fallen

Adagio in E Frank Bridge (1879–1941)

Master Tallis’ s Testament Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Elegy George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

Chorale Prelude on Eventide Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays

Irish Tune from County Derry traditional
arranged by Percy Grainger (1882–1961)

Romance William McKie (1901–1984)

Fantasy on ‘Vexilla regis prodeunt’ Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

His Excellency Ümit Yalçın, Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the Court of St James’s, is
received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster
and is conducted to his place in Quire. All remain seated.

His Excellency The High Commissioner for Australia and the Deputy
High Commissioner for New Zealand are received at the Great West Door
by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All remain seated.

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.

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge is received at the Great
West Door by the Dean and Sub-Dean of Westminster.

All stand.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester is received at the Great West
Door by the Dean of Westminster.

All remain standing as the procession, together with His Royal Highness
The Duke of Gloucester and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of
Cambridge, moves to places in Quire, the Lantern, and the Sacrarium.
All 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.

arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

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

THE BIDDING

The landing of allied forces at Gallipoli one hundred and four years ago today led to one of the bloodier battles of the First World War. New Zealand and Australian forces joined together as ANZAC for the first time. We honour today the bravery and determination of the men at Gallipoli.

The spirit of national pride encourages us, as we bring to mind in particular the recent terrorist attack in Christchurch, New Zealand. We pray for an end to terror and for the triumph of peace. Last Sunday was Easter Day, when we celebrate the resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our observance continues through this week, as we give thanks for the love of God and for God’s triumph over death and destruction.

As the Union Flag and the flags of New Zealand and Australia are presented at the High Altar, with the flag of Turkey as a sign of reconciliation, let us renew our own commitment to the causes of justice and peace throughout the world.

We keep silence as we come into the presence of God.

Silence is kept.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne: steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.

Psalm 89: 14
All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

during which the flags of Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, and the United Kingdom are borne through the Abbey Church and placed in the Sacrament

RAISE, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him; dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, my soul 436 NEH
John Goss (1800–80)

Henry Lyte (1793–1847)
after Psalm 103
All sit. His Excellency the Honourable George Brandis QC, High Commissioner for Australia, reads from the Nave Pulpit

THE FIRST READING

THE spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Isaiah 61:1–4

The choir sings

THE PSALM

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God. O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them. For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help:
and whose hope is in the Lord his God; who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
who keepeth his promise for ever; who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong:
who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison:
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen:
the Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers;
he defendeth the fatherless and widow:
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore:
and throughout all generations.

William Marsh (1757–1818)  Psalm 146

David Evans, Deputy High Commissioner for New Zealand, reads from the Great Lectern

THE SECOND READING

WHEN it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among his disciples, saying, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

St John 20: 19–23

THE ADDRESS

by

The Dean
The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

during which Eva De Domenico and Carlos Till, young citizens of Australia and of New Zealand, present wreaths to the High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner

NEVER weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
Never tired pilgrim’s limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of heaven’s high paradise,
Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines, whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee.

Hubert Parry (1848–1918) Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

All stand for

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Last Post is sounded.

The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Sacrist, says

As we hear the words inscribed on the memorial at ANZAC Cove in the Dardanelles, let us recall with gratitude all who fought and lost their lives at Gallipoli.

His Excellency Ümit Yalçın, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the Court of St James’s, says

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...
you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace.
There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side
here in this country of ours…
You, the mothers,
who sent their sons from far away countries
wipe away your tears;
your sons are now lying in our bosom
and are in peace.
After having lost their lives on this land they have
become our sons as well.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1881–1938)

The High Commissioner for Australia and the Deputy High
Commissioner for New Zealand lay wreaths at the Grave of the Unknown
Warrior.

Silence is kept.

The choir sings

WHEN you go home, tell them of us and say:
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

Chris Chivers (b 1967)  
Minor Canon of Westminster 2001–05  
Kohima Epitaph  
adapted from Simonides (556–468 BC)  
by John Maxwell Edmonds (1875–1958)

The Sacrist continues

THEY shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

from For the Fallen  
Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)

All say

We will remember them.

Reveille is sounded.
All remain standing for

**THE HYMN**

Ngāti Rānana, the London Māori Choir, sings

WHAKAARIA mai tōu rīpeka ki au, Reveal unto me your crucifix, tiaho mai ra roto i te pō which shines in the darkness; hei kona au titiro atu ai. to that place near you I look, Ora, mate, hei au koe noho ai. in life, in death, with me you stay.

All sing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

How Great Thou Art

Swedish folk melody

arranged by Stuart Hine (1899–1989)

Russian hymn

translated by Stuart Hine

The Sacrist leads

**THE PRAYERS**

LET us pray for our nations and their leaders, for the Commonwealth, and for peace and goodwill among all people.
All kneel or sit.

Young citizens of Australia and New Zealand continue the prayers.

Keely Rickerby says

Let us pray for Her Majesty The Queen, for the Governors General of Australia and New Zealand, and for all who govern the nations of the world: that they may pursue justice, peace, and harmony among all their peoples.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Holly Masters says

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, and for all people of faith and goodwill: that we may, through our words and actions, be faithful to God's gracious will towards his children.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Jordyn Hammond says

Let us pray for those whose lives have been scarred by hatred and violence, remembering especially the people of Christchurch, New Zealand; for communities that feel threatened and persecuted; that we may resist intolerance and grow in respect.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Cooper Clarke says

Let us pray for men, women, and children who have been driven from their homes and homelands, and for all who seek a better life: that they may be welcomed with kindness and generosity.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Aiden Ayyalaraju says

Let us pray for veterans of war, for members of the Armed Forces currently serving around the world, and for all who suffer, in body and in mind, the effects of armed conflict: that new life may spring forth from the depths of darkness and pain.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.
Oliver Singh-Chahel says

Let us pray with thanksgiving for those who have given their lives for the sake of our freedom, and for those who continue the work of making and keeping peace: that the innocent, the weak, and those easily forgotten may be upheld.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Isaac Meyer says

Let us pray with gratitude for the bravery and self-sacrifice of our allies in the First World War, in particular for the forces of the British Crown: that we may continue, within the Commonwealth and the whole family of nations, to pursue all that makes for peace.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Samuel Meyer says

Let us pray for ourselves, that today’s commemoration may remind us of the responsibilities we bear as citizens of Australia and New Zealand, to our countries and to all people.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

The Venerable David Stanton, Canon in Residence, concludes

Rejoicing in God’s new creation, let us pray with confidence in the words our risen Saviour has given us:

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.
Valiant hearts, who to your glory came through dust of conflict and through battle flame; tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved, your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war, as who had heard God’s message from afar; all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave to save mankind—you yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made, into the light that never more shall fade; deep your contentment in that blest abode, who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still, rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill, while in the frailty of our human clay Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead, whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led, in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land commits her children to thy gracious hand.

The Supreme Sacrifice  
John Arkwright (1872–1954)  
Charles Harris (1865–1936)
All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

MAY God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

A fanfare is sounded. The flags are returned to their bearers.

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF NEW ZEALAND

Es

IHOWĀ Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarongona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai Aotearoa.

God of Nations, at thy feet,
in the bonds of love we meet,
hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific’s triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.
AUSTRALIANS all, let us rejoice for we are young and free,
we’ve golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea;
our land abounds in nature’s gifts of beauty rich and rare;
in history’s page let every stage advance Australia Fair.
in joyful strains then let us sing: ‘Advance Australia Fair!’

All remain standing as the procession, together with His Royal Highness
The Duke of Gloucester and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of
Cambridge, moves to the west end of the church.

Music after the service

Chorale fantasia  Hubert Parry
on ‘O God our help in ages past’

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to
remain in their seats until directed to move
by the Honorary Stewards

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Combat Stress
Combat Stress is the UK’s leading charity for veterans’ mental health.

For a century, Combat Stress has helped former servicemen and women deal with trauma-related mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Combat Stress, originally called the Ex-Servicemen’s Welfare Society, was founded in May 1919, just after the First World War ended. The founders saw how servicemen returning with shell shock received little to no sympathy from the public, and believed that with the right support, veterans could be helped to lead fulfilling lives despite their mental health problems.

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