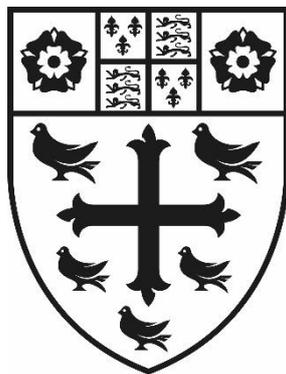


Westminster Abbey



A Service to Recognise
Fifty Years of Continuous at Sea Deterrent

Friday 3rd May 2019
Noon

As the oldest armed Service, the Royal Navy has a long and distinguished history of defending this country, which is reflected in well over fifty memorials in Westminster Abbey. Today's service recognises this contribution to our national life and marks the 50th anniversary of a key element of the Navy's current defence capability, the Continuous at Sea Deterrent (CASD).

No military operation has been longer—or more significant—than the deterrent patrols entrusted to the Royal Navy on behalf of the nation. Generations of submariners, supported by their families, have borne this huge responsibility of protecting the United Kingdom. They have accepted the sacrifice and commitment inherent in this duty; their professionalism has never wavered, and they have delivered their key task: to be 'always ready'.

This service is an opportunity to recognise the expertise, innovation and skill of the thousands of people who have designed, built, supported, and crewed the submarines on more than 350 patrols; it pays tribute to the extraordinary effort that has been required to maintain the deterrent without a minute's break for fifty years.

The genesis of the UK's nuclear deterrent stretches back to the early 1960s, when construction of the Resolution Class of ballistic submarines began at Vickers Armstrong in Barrow-in-Furness and Cammell Laird in Birkenhead. The first submarine to carry the nuclear deterrent was HMS Resolution, which left HM Naval Base Clyde on her maiden patrol in June 1968. Since April 1969, when the remaining Resolution class submarines—Repulse, Renown, and Revenge—entered service, there has always been at least one ballistic submarine constantly at sea in the endeavour now known as Operation Relentless. The four submarines conducted 229 deterrent patrols before they were retired in the 1990s, to be replaced by the larger V-boats—HMS Vanguard, Victorious, Vigilant, and Vengeance.

Today's Trident missile equipped submarines are a feat of complex large-scale engineering, requiring a major civil construction programme at Clyde, which was for a period the largest construction site in Europe. All four Vanguard Class submarines are based at Clyde, the home of the UK Submarine Service, and are operated by the Faslane Flotilla.

Alongside the thousands of submariners involved we owe a debt of gratitude to the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force personnel protecting the submarines leaving for and returning from patrol, the many small businesses in the supply chain making components for submarines and their systems, the thousands of civilians engaged in the operation—in Ministry of Defence establishments, at the submarine building yard at Barrow-in-Furness and in the Faslane and Coulport sites within Her

Majesty's Naval Base Clyde—and all the local communities who support them around the country.

Finally, and most importantly, we pay tribute today to the families of generations of submariners who have served; they are the embodiment of the commitment that has been required to sustain this operation, and they truly know the sacrifice demanded of those involved. The families are the unsung heroes of the Continuous at Sea Deterrent, and we are delighted to welcome them here today.

Commodore Bob Anstey RN



HMS Resolution



The Submariner Statue located in the West Cloister of Westminster Abbey

Inscription: *To the Glory of God and in memory of the officers and men of the Submarine branch of the Royal Navy who have given their lives both in peace and war. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

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 Special Service Choir of Westminster Abbey, directed by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of Choristers.

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

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood is directed by Warrant Officer Second Class Trevor Naughton.

Before the service, Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays

Prelude and Fugue in A BWV 536 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Chant de paix Jean Langlais (1907–91)

The band plays

Abendsegen Engelbert Humperdinck (1854–1921)

Abide with me Karl Jenkins (b 1944) and Peter Graham (b 1958)

Band of Brothers Michael Kamen (1948–2003)

David of the White Rock traditional

Lux aurumque Eric Whitacre (b 1970)

Nimrod Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Resurgam Eric Ball (1903–89)

The Seal Lullaby Eric Whitacre

all pieces arranged by Colour Sergeant Gareth Keachie

The Assistant Organist plays

Rhapsody in D flat Op 17 no 1

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot' BWV 678

Johann Sebastian Bach

Chorale Prelude on 'Melcombe' Set 1 no 5

Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

The Representative of the High Sheriff of Greater London, Lynn Johansen, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and she is conducted to her seat.

The Representative of the Lord Mayor of London, Jeremy Blackburn, 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.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The choir sings

THE INTROIT

FOR he shall give his angels charge over thee
that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest.
That their hands shall uphold and guide thee
lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Felix Mendelssohn

Psalm 91: 11–12

All sing

THE HYMN

*during which the choir and clergy, together with His Royal Highness
The Duke of Cambridge, move to places in Quire and the Sacrarium.*

*The Submarine Service Colour is borne by Lieutenant Gary Linden RN, escorted by
Warrant Officer First Class Michael Golby, Leading Seaman Mark Dunion, and Leading
(Writer) Stephen Boulby, presented to the Dean, and placed on the High Altar*



PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
 biddeth them cease,
 turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
 sheddeth his light,
 chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
 Let the Amen
 sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Lobe den Herren 440 NEH
Praxis pietatis melica 1668

Joachim Neander (1650–80)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)

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

THE BIDDING

FOR the past fifty years, Royal Navy submariners have patrolled the oceans and seas of our world, sometimes for many months at a time, burdened with a force able to engender a greater destructive power than has ever been seen on earth.

Today we thank God that this continuous at sea deterrence, part of a balancing of forces between the most powerful nations on earth, has had the effect of maintaining peace and security between the nations. We pray that the Royal Navy may never be required to deploy these terrible forces in war and that they may continue to deter their use by others.

We give thanks for all the thousands of people who have designed, built, supported, and crewed the submarines during these past fifty years and for their families, and we continue to pray for the life and work of the Royal Navy, in particular for its submarine service.

All sit for

THE TESTIMONIES

from

Isobel Fraser, wife of Chief Petty Officer Stewart Fraser

Rear Admiral Tim Hodgson MBE, Director Submarine Capability, Ministry of Defence

Leading Engineering Technician Edward Owen

Rear Admiral John Weale CB OBE, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Submarines, and Rear Admiral Submarines, reads

THE FIRST READING

I CALLED to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.
Then I said, "I am driven away
from your sight;
how shall I look again
upon your holy temple?"
The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me for ever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O Lord my God.
As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord;
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!

Jonah 2: 2–7, 9

The choir sings

THE PSALM

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous :
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp :

 sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song :

 sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true :

 and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement :

 the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made :

 and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap :

 and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord :

 stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

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.

Edward Cutler (1831–1916)

Psalm 33: 1–8

His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge reads

THE SECOND READING

NOW in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2: 13–20

THE HYMN



ALL my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Dean

The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

GREAT is the Lord and greatly to be praised :
in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion :
on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.
For lo, the kings assembled themselves :
they passed by together.
They saw, then were they amazed :
they were dismayed, they hasted away.
Trembling took hold of them there :
pain, as of a woman in travail.
As with the east wind :
that breaketh the ships of Tarshish.
As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God :
God will establish it for ever.
We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God :
in the midst of thy temple.
As is thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth :
thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice :
because of thy judgements.
Walk about Zion and go round about her :
tell the towers thereof.
Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces :
that ye may tell it to the generation following.
For this God is our God for ever and ever :
he will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, introduces

THE PRAYERS

Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings to almighty God, our life and our salvation.

All kneel or remain seated.

The Reverend Anthony Ball, Canon in Residence, says

FOR the gift of creation; for the new creation brought about through Jesus Christ; for the peace that passes human understanding; and for every blessing of God by which we live, move, and have our being;

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Rear Admiral Tony Whetstone CB says

FOR our families, friends, and those whom we love; and for all who support us when we are far from home, through whose faithfulness and encouragement we are sustained;

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Mark Davidson RN says

FOR submariners currently on patrol around the world, that they may be wisely directed in the fulfilment of their duties; for their well-being in time of peace and in adversity; and for their safe guidance home;

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gavin Leckie, industry representative, says

FOR the Armed Forces of the Crown, that they that they may prosper and be preserved in carrying out their duties; in particular, for all supporting military units, engineers, builders, naval architects, and scientists;

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sir Roger Carr, industry representative, says

FOR the life of our nation, that it may embody all that is just and makes for peace; for Elizabeth our Queen and for her government; for the work of Parliament; and for all who exercise leadership in commerce, industry, and education.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Venerable Martyn Gough QHC, Chaplain of the Fleet, says

OETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: be pleased to receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and of the air and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth and her dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Islands and Commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land with the fruits of our labours and with thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Naval Prayer

The Precentor concludes

Longing for the day when no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, let us pray as Christ our Saviour has taught 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.**

All stand to sing



ETERNAL Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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

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 as the choir and clergy, together with His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, move to the west end of the church.

The organist plays

Con moto maestoso *from* Sonata in A Op 65 no 3

Felix Mendelssohn

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
the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, Erskine Hospital,
Military vs Cancer, and Helensburgh Sea Cadets*