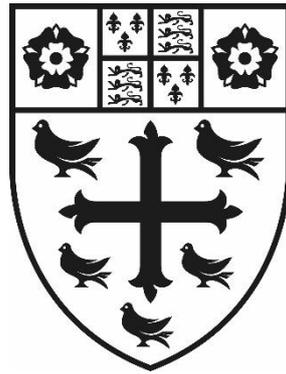


Westminster Abbey



Matins

attended in Civic State by

The Lord Mayor of Westminster

Councillor Jonathan Glanz

and

Councillors of the City of Westminster



Sunday 5th September 2021

11.00 am

MATINS

Daily prayer has been offered in this place for over a thousand years and your participation in today's service is warmly welcomed. At Matins most of the service is sung by the choir on our behalf. We participate through our presence and our listening, that the words and the music might become a prayer within us and lift us to contemplate God's beauty and glory.

The service always includes one or more psalms. These ancient prayers, taken from the Old Testament, reflect the full range of human emotions and experiences; from the depths of anger, resentment, and abandonment to the heights of ecstatic joy and praise. They were used by Jesus, and have always been at the heart of the Church's daily prayer.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Westminster first achieved the status of a city in 1540 when, for only ten years, it became 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 she therefore appointed instead the High Steward of Westminster Abbey as Chairman of her newly created Court of Burgesses. 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 which dealt with public health and morality, planning permissions, the prevention and punishment of crime, and the regulation of weights and measures. It comprised twelve Burgesses appointed by the Dean—one for each ward.

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 29th 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 1st 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 LORD MAYOR

Councillor Jonathan Glanz was elected Lord Mayor of Westminster in May 2020 by a virtual ceremony. He has been a Westminster City Councillor representing West End Ward since 2009.

Whilst on the Council, he has served in a number of roles including Cabinet Member for Housing and Property, Deputy Cabinet Member for Parking, and as Chairman of various Committees including the Audit and Performance Committee, and, most recently, the Family and Adult Health Committee. In addition, he was the Council's Broadband Champion, and helped Westminster to move up the ranking from 635th out of 650 UK Constituencies to a top-10 position.

In addition, Jonathan served at MOPAC (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) as an advisor to the Deputy Mayor Stephen Greenhalgh, and on the MOPAC Challenge, chaired by Boris Johnson (then Mayor of London).

Jonathan was born in London, but spent his formative years in Wiltshire, living in a house recently vacated by Sir Michael Tippett (hence the connection with his work, which we will hear today). Jonathan attended King Edward VI's School at Bath. He then read law at University College London, and qualified as a solicitor. After practising for some time, he set up his own business in property. He is married to Manuela, and has an adult son.

Before his election to Westminster, he served in various roles in Community politics, including chairing both The Marylebone Association and the Marylebone Millennium Commission, and other community and charitable roles.

His theme this year is inclusion, and notwithstanding the challenges of the pandemic, he has worked to address issues of exclusion in the fields of education, medical and housing need.

THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Dr Adam Scott OBE TD is custodian of the Chapel of the House of St Barnabas in Soho and descended from its founder in 1846, Dr Henry Monro. Nowadays the House has an Employment Academy for homeless and vulnerable people and a club that encourages those better off to support and to engage with the work of the charity. Alongside being an Anglican minister for 50 years, Adam has worked has used his studies in engineering, economics, and law in telecommunications and as a founding member of the Competition Appeal Tribunal where he now is Director of Studies. He is also an honorary chaplain to the National Reserve Headquarters, Royal Artillery.

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

Photography, filming, and sound recording are not allowed in the Abbey at any time. Please ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are switched off.

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 Peter Holder, Sub-organist.

Before the service, Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

from Suite gothique Op 2: Léon Boëllmann (1862–97)

- I. Introduction—Choral
- II. Menuet gothique
- III. Prière à Notre-Dame

*Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot BWV 678 Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)*

Westminster from London Suite Eric Coates (1886–1957)

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*

The Guard of Honour is commanded by Warrant Officer Roland Mackenzie, Officer Commanding 291 (Westminster and Chelsea) Squadron ATC and includes cadets representing a variety of Westminster's uniformed organisations.

Prior to the arrival of the Lord Mayor, a Procession comprising the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London; the Honorary Recorder of Westminster; HM Senior Coroner for Inner West London; the Borough Commander, London Fire Brigade and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Westminster moves to places in the Lantern.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand.

All remain standing as the processions of the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster and the Choir and clergy of Westminster Abbey moves to places in the Lantern, Quire, and the Sacrarium.

The choir sings the Introit

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus; steal away, steal away home, I haven't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me by the thunder, the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I haven't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling, the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I haven't got long to stay here.

*from A Child of Our Time
Michael Tippett (1905–98)*

traditional American spiritual

All sing the Hymn



Hills of the North, rejoice;
river and mountain spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing;
though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
he judgment brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,
 deep in your coral caves
pent be each warring breeze,
 lulled be your restless waves:
he comes to reign with boundless sway,
and makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the East, awake,
 soon shall your sons be free;
the sleep of ages break,
 and rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and grey,
has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West,
 ye that have waited long,
unvisited, unblest,
 break forth to swelling song;
high raise the note, that Jesus died,
yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
 songs be in every mouth;
lo, from the North we come,
 from East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
we come to live and reign in thee!

Little Cornard 7 NEH
Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

Charles Edward Oakley (1832–65)

All remain standing. The Reverend Anthony Ball, Canon in Residence, gives the Welcome

The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Precentor, says a sentence of scripture

The Precentor and choir sing the Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

William Smith (1603–45)

All sit. The choir sings Venite, exultemus Domino

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.
In his hands are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship, and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is the Lord our God :
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

Psalm 95: 1–7

The choir sings Psalm 15

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle :
or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life :
and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour :
and hath not slandered his neighbour.
He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes :
and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not :
though it were to his own hindrance.
He that hath not given his money upon usury :
nor taken reward against the innocent.
Whoso doeth these things :
shall never fall.

All stand

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.

All sit. Councillor Rachael Robathan, Leader of the Council, reads the First Lesson

Anger and wrath, these also are abominations,
yet a sinner holds on to them.

The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance,
for he keeps a strict account of their sins.

Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

Does anyone harbour anger against another,
and expect healing from the Lord?

If someone has no mercy towards another like himself,
can he then seek pardon for his own sins?

If a mere mortal harbours wrath,
who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins?

Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside;
remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments.

Remember the commandments,
and do not be angry with your neighbour;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

Refrain from strife, and your sins will be fewer;
for the hot-tempered kindle strife,
and the sinner disrupts friendships
and sows discord among those who are at peace.

Ecclesiasticus 27: 30—28: 9

All stand. The choir sings Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin, and seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
the Father : of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true : and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924) in B flat

All sit. The Lord Mayor of Westminster reads the Second Lesson

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth; and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8: 1–5

All stand. The choir sings Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.

Benjamin Britten (1913–76) in C

Psalm 100

All face east and say together the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Precentor and choir sing

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All kneel or sit for the Lesser Litany, the Lord's Prayer, Responses, and the Collects of the Day, for Peace, and for Grace to live well

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save The Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us,

but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

William Smith

The Precentor says the Prayers for the Royal Family, and for the Members of the Order of the Bath

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God save our Gracious Sovereign, and all the Brotherhood of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath living and departed. **Amen.**

All sit. The choir sings the Anthem

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.
Oh children! oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Walk into heaven, and take my seat,
And cast my crown at Jesus' feet.
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.

traditional spiritual

arranged by Michael Tippett

The Precentor says

Let us pray.

All kneel or remain seated for the Intercessions, led by the Precentor and Lord Stephen Greenhalgh, Minister for Building Safety and Communities with responsibilities for Faith.

At the end of the Intercessions all say

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

All stand to sing the Hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

*Jerusalem 488 NEH
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

William Blake (1757–1827)

The Reverend Dr Adam Scott OBE TD, the Lord Mayor's Chaplain, gives the Sermon

All stand to sing the Hymn



God be with you till we meet again,
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
'neath his wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

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Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Jeremiah Rankin (1828–1904)

The Canon in Residence pronounces the Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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 processions move through Quire and the Nave to the west end of the church

Music after the service

Tocatta from Suite gothique

Léon Boëllmann

The Procession of The Lord Mayor and Councillors moves to College Garden, with invited guests following.

The bells of the Abbey are rung

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

Details for this year's collection, in aid of Centrepoint, can be found overleaf

THE LORD MAYOR'S CHARITY

CENTREPOINT

In the more than 50 years since it was founded in Soho, Centrepoint has worked with homeless young people in Westminster and across the country to find a job and a home. Supporting young people to escape homelessness is about more than providing a safe space to stay. That is why Centrepoint also ensures young people are able to learn valuable life skills, have opportunities to tackle their physical and mental health issues and works with them to get them into education, training or employment.

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