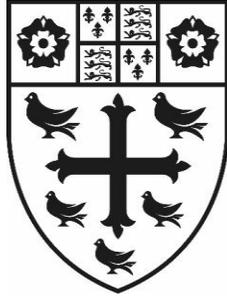


St Margaret's Church
Westminster Abbey



A Service of Commemoration
to mark the 5th anniversary
of the terrorist attack on
Westminster Bridge and in
New Palace Yard



City of Westminster

Tuesday 22nd March 2022
11.00 am

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand to sing the hymn



He who would valiant
be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.

There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
his strength the more is.

No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

*Monk's Gate 372 NEH
adapted from an English folk song*

*from The Pilgrim's Progress
John Bunyan (1628–88)*

All remain standing. The Rector gives the Bidding

We come together today in this house of prayer and memorial to mark five years since the violent assault that took place only yards away, claiming the lives of Kurt Cochran, of Leslie Rhodes, of Aysha Frade, of Andreea Cristea, and of Keith Palmer.

We come together to remember them and recognise the impact of that day on the lives of their relatives in Romania, Spain, the USA and this country; on the lives of Londoners and visitors from around the world who survived; on the lives of all who responded to those in need.

We come together with gratitude for the dedication and skill of our emergency, health, security, local authority and voluntary services; for the courage and care shown by members of the public individually and collectively; for the commitment to and provision of ongoing support by family, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

We come together in solidarity with those who continue to suffer, wherever they may be, even as we pray in hope for a future free from violence and division, a future in which all may flourish.

All sit. The Manchester Survivors' Choir sings

For good

(from the musical Wicked)

Noah Via Ahmet, nephew of Aysha Frade, reads

They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason
will change the way we feel,
For no-one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,

No-one knows how many times,
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think about,
But so hard to live without.

We know we cannot bring you back
Those times we were together
Our family chains are broken now
But memories live forever.

Author unknown

Keith Burdon, Police Officer on duty at New Palace Yard, reads

You can shed tears that they are gone
Or you can smile because they have lived
You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see them
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember them and only that they have gone
Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your
back
Or you can do what they would want: smile, open your eyes,
love and go on.

David Harkins (b 1958)

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Andrew Smith, gives a Tribute

The Manchester Survivors' Choir sings

This is me

from The Greatest Showman

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, reads

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God?'
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40: 1, 25-end

The Reverend Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister, Methodist Central Hall Westminster, gives the Address

All stand to sing the Hymn



Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
D forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

*Repton 353 NEH
from Judith
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

John Whittier (1807–92)

The Reverend Mark Birch, Precentor, leads the Prayers

Let us offer our prayers, and seek comfort from God, who holds us all in life, and promises us peace.

All kneel or sit.

The Venerable Luke Miller, Archdeacon of London, says

As we remember those who died 5 years ago; Kurt, Leslie, Aysha, Andreea, and Keith; let us pray for all whose lives were changed that day; that none may be forgotten.

O Lord our God, from Whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in Thy love, and Whose love holds in its embrace Thy children in this world and in the next: so unite us to Thyself that in fellowship with Thee we may be always united to our loved ones whether here or there; give us courage, constancy, and hope; through Him Who died and was buried and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Canon Mia Hilborn, Chaplaincy Team Leader, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, says

Let us pray for those who carry physical and psychological injuries, and for the families, friends, and professionals who support them; that their suffering may be recognised and addressed.

O Thou Who art love, and seest all the suffering, injustice, and misery which oppose Thy sway: have compassion, we beseech Thee, upon the work of Thine hands; look mercifully upon the wounded world and its inhabitants, laden with errors, labours, and sorrows; fill our hearts with compassion for those who suffer; and bring near Thy kingdom of mercy and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reverend Prebendary Jonathan Osborne MBE, Senior Chaplain, Metropolitan Police Service, says

Let us pray for those who guard our safety and security, for all First Responders, and for those who support the victims of violence and terror; that they may be blessed and protected in their work.

O Almighty God, who dost neither slumber nor sleep; protect and assist, we beseech thee, all those who are serving the people of this country, that they, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore in all perils; and being filled with wisdom and girded with strength, may fulfil their duty to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos OBE says

Let us pray for the countries represented among us, for their peoples and communities; for all that fosters togetherness and resilience; that we may look forward in hope, and live together in peace.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from union and concord: that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Precentor says

Let us pray together in words Our Saviour 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.

Janet O'Sullivan, Civilian Responder on Westminster Bridge, reads

How do we go on
after the unthinkable happens?
How can we carry the burden of knowing
the world can be cruel and dangerous,
the future so unpredictable?
How do we grieve with empty arms
and a head filled with echoing memories?

We are stronger than we know,
and this is how we show it:
Holding each other,
giving comfort in the midst of pain.
Loving more fiercely,
through our actions and the things we say.
Making the world just a little bit better,
every single day.
Never taking life for granted,
knowing that it can be snatched away.

This world may bring deep darkness,
but we are the bearers of light.
We'll join our flames together,
and shine in the blackest of nights.

John Mark Green (b 1953)

All stand to sing the Hymn



Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Cwm Rhondda 368 NEH
John Hughes (1873–1932)

Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch
William Williams (1717–91)
translated by Peter Williams (1727–96) and others

The Rector 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 fainthearted; 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 remain standing as the clergy depart.

Music after the service

Nimrod

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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

The congregation is invited to collect a single white flower from the back of the church as they leave and place it as a symbol of peace and unity with the display of tributes on the grass outside.

This display will be transferred to join the other tributes in
Parliament Square.

