Westminster Abbey

Choral Evensong
with Thanksgiving
for the life and work of
Archbishop Desmond Tutu
(1931–2021)

Thursday 9th June 2022
5 pm
Rabble Rouser for Peace, John Allen
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The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The choir sings the Introit,

ECCE sacerdos magnus qui in diebus suis placuit Deo, et inventus est justus.

Behold a great priest who in his days was pleasing unto God, and was found to be righteous.

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

All stand to sing the Hymn during which the procession moves to places in Quire and the Sacrament.

Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least; they bade men rise, and hasten to share the great King’s feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation’s life. Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown? Not so: in God’s deep counsels some better thing is stored; we will maintain, unflinching, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone; with thy right hand to help us, the victory shall be won; and then, by men and angels, thy name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem, one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Plumptre (1821–91)

Basil Harwood (1859–1949)

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE, Dean of Westminster, gives the Bidding

In Westminster Abbey, which he knew well, and at a service of Evensong, which he used daily, we gather to remember and celebrate the life and work of Desmond Tutu. He was our friend, or brother, our bishop.

Here we give thanks for his humility and humour; for his faith, and for his discipline and discernment. We remember with thanksgiving his courageous commitment to reconciliation and justice; his hope and his understanding of our freedom under God. We celebrate the good he did and the example he set before us.

As we remember him, let us remember, as he would wish, those for whom he prayed, the leaders of the nations, the poor, the fearful, the sick and those who mourn. Inspired by his life of faith, may each of us play our part as witnesses to God’s coming Kingdom.

The Reverend Mark Birch, Precentor, says a sentence of Scripture

The officiant 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. 
Philip Radcliffe (1905–86)

All sit. The choir sings Psalm 25: 1–9

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; 
my God, I have put my trust in thee: 
O let me not be confounded, 
neither let mine enemies triumph over me. 
For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: 
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. 
Shew me thy ways, O Lord: 
and teach me thy paths. 
Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: 
for thou art the God of my salvation; 
in thee hath been my hope all the day long. 
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: 
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. 
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: 
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, 
for thy goodness. 
Gracious and righteous is the Lord: 
therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 
Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: 
and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way. 
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: 
unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies. 

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

John Goss (1800–80)
When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19: 9–18

Here ends the first lesson.
**All stand. The choir sings Magnificat**

**MARY**

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

George Dyson (1883–1964) in D

**All sit. Edith Slee, Founder of the Tutu Foundation UK, reads the second lesson**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5: 1–12

Here ends the second lesson

All stand. The choir sings Nunc dimittis

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

George Dyson in D

All face east and say together the Apostles’ Creed

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 Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit for the Lesser Litany, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Responses*

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.

*The officiant sings the Collects; of the Day, for Peace, and for Aid against all perils*

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass
our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Philip Radcliffe

The officiant 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 Members of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath living and departed. Amen.

All sit. The choir sings the Anthem

GLORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Jonathan Dove (b 1959) Missa brevis
All kneel or remain seated. The Precentor introduces the Prayers

Let us give thanks to God for Desmond Tutu and pray that we too may be of service to the Church and the world.

Brother Philip Nichols, The Community of the Resurrection, says

We give thanks for a life shared generously with others; for all that Desmond offered as a teacher, priest and bishop; for his determined faithfulness to the Holy Eucharist and to daily disciplined prayer; for his example of Christian wisdom, compassion and pastoral care, and his support for Sisters and Brothers in religious communities. May all our struggles find their strength through prayer and companionship, by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

Cassandra Goad, family friend, says

We give thanks for Desmond’s ministry in the United Kingdom, with his beloved wife Leah and their family: for his studies at Kings College, London; for his work as a priest in Golders Green and in Blechingley; for all that he taught us about love, justice and reconciliation; for the legacy he leaves us in the work of the Tutu Foundation UK.

We give thanks for Desmond’s friendship; for his lifegiving spirit, for his joy and laughter, and for the generous love he showed us all.

We pray that we may be faithful, in the one Spirit, to further the work of the Kingdom of God.

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.
Joseph Duncan, Youth Futures, says

THANK you God for giving us Arch who demonstrated the energy and opportunity of Ubuntu; the nourishment it provides, and the learning that is gained through its application. Please forgive us for when we fall short in our own practise of Ubuntu or become weak in heart. We pray for your help in finding the wisdom and insight to find one another in all of our splendid difference and your intuitive guidance so that we can move towards the understanding and trust required to find peace in our communities.

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

Mark Murray, Youth Futures, says

We come to you seeking solace, not in sadness but in celebration. We have sent you yet another warrior of peace; one who wanted, but not for themselves; one who gave, but not to receive; one who struggled, but wore their scars proudly. Lord, we come to you praying for forgiveness: forgiveness that we are still yet to strive as far as we can; forgiveness that we still yet have more we have not given; forgiveness that we hide the strength we know we have. But Lord we are grateful: grateful you sent one so strong to walk among us; grateful that the righteous path walked is still accessible; grateful that the light illuminated will reach more still.

Lord, we pray for the Archbishop and ourselves. We pray that his example becomes our practice.

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

Thomas Beavon, Chief Inspector, Metropolitan Police Service, says

GRACIOUS God, we are thankful for the inspiration we received from Archbishop Tutu; for his legacy which gives us the opportunity to work with young people, in an environment that allows everyone to put aside preconceptions we may have of each other, and focus on listening, and understanding, things from the perspective of others.
We ask for generous hearts and seek forgiveness, both individually, and as a service, for those times when we have fallen short of the mark, and got it wrong. Fill us with hope for the future.

Lord please give us the strength, to be patient with each other, to love each other, to work as a city, and to come together as one to stand up against evil and against those who do not have the best wishes of our society at heart.

Lord, hear us:
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Right Honourable the Lord Hain says*

We give thanks for Desmond’s bubbling enthusiasm and infectious zest for humanity;
for his engaging and mischievous sense of fun;
for his integrity and burning passion for justice, equality and liberty;
for his courage as an activist in the long and bitter struggle against apartheid.

May he remain a towering inspiration for all humanity and a model for all who exercise power.

Lord, hear us:
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Precentor concludes*

CONFIDENT, in the words of St Augustine, that all shall be Amen and Alleluia, let us commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God, as we say together;

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

I CANNOT tell why He Whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem’s manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

Londonderry 258 NEH
Petrie Collection of Irish Melody

William Young Fullerton (1857–1932)
COME unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,
of joy that hath no ending, of love which cannot cease.

"Come unto me, dear wand’rs, and I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way,
but thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

"Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long,
but thou hast made us mighty, and stronger than the strong.

“And whosoever cometh I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,
which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to thee!

_Aurelia 167 NEH_  
_Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)  

William Chatterton Dix (1837–98)
All remain standing. The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England and Metropolitan, 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 sing

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.

KOSI sikelel’ iAfrika
Maluphakaniswa uphondo Iwayo
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela,
Thina Iusapho Iwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke,
O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa, South Afrika, South Afrika.

Enoch Sontonga (c. 1873-1905)

Enoch Sontonga and C.J. Langgenhoven (1873-1932)
All remain standing as the procession moves to the west end of the church.

Music after the service

Final from Symphony no 1 in D minor Op 14    Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

The bells of the Abbey are rung

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to remain in their seats until directed to move by the Honorary Stewards
Why the Tutu Foundation UK exists

The UK stood against apartheid and provided refuge for those opposed to legislated discrimination. It nurtured and taught South Africa’s leaders, particularly at Kings Collage London, where Colin Slee was Chaplain. The United Kingdom has given much to Africa, as well as destroying much.

Desmond Tutu described the concept of Ubuntu as southern Africa’s gift to the world. The creation of the Tutu Foundation UK established an organization in the UK that celebrates this legacy of generosity and support.

“May I say a big thank you to you & your colleagues in the Foundation” Desmond Tutu

Tutu Foundation UK - Working for Peace

TFUK works to bring peace within fractured communities in the UK, building on Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s global reconciliation efforts. We promote inclusion and social cohesion through effective and meaningful engagement. We support leaders & organisations to serve their communities by promoting cultural competence, good governance, social responsibility, and accountability. We employ the reparatory justice model to develop routes to address marginalisation, social exclusion, historic wrongs, and injustice.

Clive Conway, Chairman of The Tutu Foundation UK

Tutu Foundation UK Projects

The Annual Archbishop Desmond Tutu Foundation UK Peace Lecture

The Tutu Foundation UK are proud to curate a series of thought leadership events exploring Peace & Reconciliation and the legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. This year the Tutu Foundation UK Peace Lecture was given by The Rt Hon Sir John Major Kg Ch, with an introduction by The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC. We are so grateful for the generous hospitality of Marlborough House and the kind support of the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.

The Ubuntu Round Tables

Disenfranchised young people are brought together with local Police Officers in facilitated frank speaking and respectful listening. The Youth-Led philosophy of Youth Futures & TFUK works to build respect and trust, and to underpin safety on our streets.
We provide formal apprenticeships and informal training in facilitation and leadership skills and our young leaders have been involved in policy work. TFUK seeks to provide essential further training of new young facilitators who can continue to build trust in the community.

**The Belfast Project**

The Good Friday Agreement saved lives and brought increased safety. However, Belfast is one of the most ‘fractured communities in the UK’. TFUK brought together important figures in disparate, opposing loyalist para-military groups, to put aside differences for progress to be made. Our work explored the challenges faced by young people in the community to improve their lives.

**The Mediation Training Project**

Addressing conflict situations in key professions within Medical & Social care. We provide accredited psychologically informed mediation training based on the Ubuntu philosophy, in collaboration with Regent’s University. This results in deeper mediation and transformational experience. Our mediators proceed to cascade the training within their organisations.

**The Westway Trust Review**

TFUK developed a thorough review underpinned by the Macpherson definition of Institutional Racism, to address mistrust of the Westway Trust leadership, following public allegations of institutional racism at their Annual General Meetings. We developed and sustained a Community Advisory Group (CAG) to build trust and a Secure Portal for the Public Call for Evidence.

The Westway Trust Trustees now include diversity and community representation. Formal acknowledgement and apologies were received from The Westway Trust and the Leader of Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Council (RBKC).