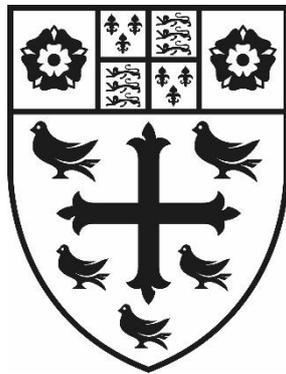


Westminster Abbey



A Memorial Service to mark
the 5th anniversary of the
Grenfell Tower Tragedy

Tuesday 14th June 2022

11.00 am

The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their 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 David Hoyle MBE, 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.

Before the service Charles Maxtone-Smith, Organ Scholar, plays

Sonata in C minor Op 65 no 2 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*

Psalm Prelude Set 1 no 1 *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

Herzlich tut mich verlangen *Johannes Brahms (1833–97)*

Choral Prelude on 'Eventide' *Charles Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

Leaders of Churches and other faith communities process to places in the Nave sanctuary.

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Hamza Taouzzale, is received. Presentations are made and he is conducted to his seat.

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, is received. Presentations are made and he is conducted to his seat.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the Procession moves to places in the Nave sanctuary. The choir sings the Introit

HEAR my prayer, O Lord :
and let my crying come unto thee.

Henry Purcell (1659–95)

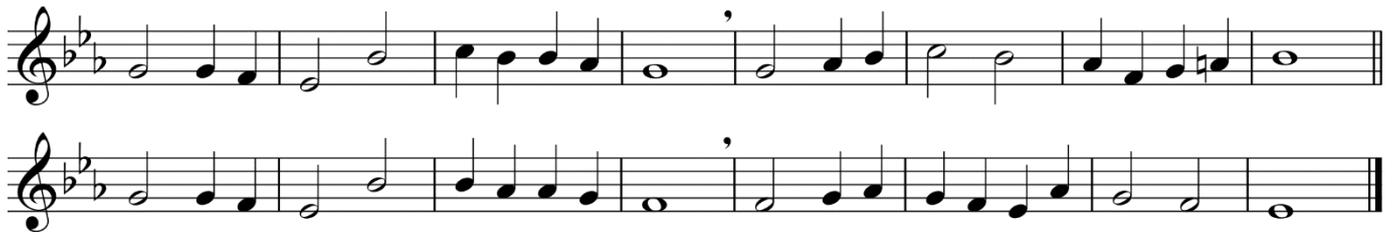
Psalm 102: 1

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

WE gather on holy ground, in a place of memory and memorial, in a church at the heart of our national life, to remember those who lost their lives in Grenfell Tower; relatives, friends, and survivors. We gather with the bereaved, and with so many others whose lives were changed on that terrible evening. Five years later the loss and the anguish are still vivid and sharp. We gather in sorrow and in pain.

Here we renew our commitment to remember those we have lost. We gather as those who look for justice and a renewed commitment to securing safety in our homes, safety in times of fire. Grateful for the support of the communities and individuals that have sustained the bereaved and the survivors over the last five years, we meet in faith and hope looking to a better, safer, surer future.

All sing the Hymn



ABIDE with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Eventide 331 NEH
William Monk (1823–89)

Henry Lyte (1793–1847)

All remain standing. The Dean says

Let us remember those who lost their lives five years ago, who are forever in our hearts.

The 72 Names are read by Father Gerard Skinner, St Francis of Assisi, Notting Hill; Abdurahman Sayed, CEO, The Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre Trust, Al-Manaar Mosque; Leon Sassoon, Life President, Holland Road Synagogue; Gurpreet Singh Anand, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Khalsa Jatha British Isles, Central Gurdwara; Father Liqe Teguhan Tekle Mariam, Orthodox Tewahedo Church, and Aliya Azam MBE, Head of Science, Al Sadiq School and Al Zahra, and Interfaith Advisor, Al Khoei Foundation. Candles are lit.

After each group of names, the response is

Forever in our hearts.

Forever in our hearts.

Silence is kept

All sit. An oud is played by Rihab Azar

Jon Snow gives a Tribute

Damel Carayol and the Community Choir sing Something inside so strong

Imran Khan QC gives a Tribute

Nancy Mae sings Pie Jesu

The Venerable Tricia Hillas, Canon in Residence, reads

HOW long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.

Psalm 13

When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?

The Lord is in his holy temple;
the Lord is on his heavenly throne.

He observes everyone on earth;
his eyes examine them.

For the Lord is righteous,
he loves justice;
the upright will see his face.

Psalms 11: 3–4, 7

Thanks be to God.

The Right Reverend Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, gives the Address

The choir sings

THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die,
and their departure was taken for misery,
and their going from us to be utter destruction;
but they are in peace.

For though they be punished in the sight of men,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
and having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded;
For God proved them and found them worthy for himself.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1–5

The Reverend Mark Birch, Precentor, introduces the Prayers

In solidarity and love, let us pray for one another, and for all caught up in the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

All remain seated. Father Skinner says

LET us hold in remembrance and prayer those who lost their lives on that night,
and for survivors who have lost their lives since; that they may rest in peace,
and that their legacy may be honoured as we lament their loss.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Pastor Derrick Wilson, Tabernacle Christian Centre, Notting Hill says

LET us pray for those who mourn; for those who lost family members,
neighbours, and friends; that they may be supported and comforted through
the long journey of grief.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Mary White, Latymer Community Church, says

LET us pray for those who survived; for those who live with ongoing trauma,
and with no sense of closure; that their needs may be met with compassion and
justice.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Father Abate Gobena, Orthodox Tewahedo Church, says

LET us pray for the community living in the shadow of the Tower; for all that builds friendship and mutual concern, and for all who are working for a better future.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Pastor Jacqueline Brown, Lighthouse Community Church, says

LET us pray for all who bear authority and responsibility for public safety and for justice; that every voice may be heard, every loss acknowledged, and every lesson learned.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Father Gareth Wardell, Vicar of St Clement's and Saint James', Notting Hill, says

LET us pray for ourselves and for one another; that we may be given grace, courage, and wisdom to sustain and support one another, now and in the years to come.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

The Precentor concludes

Longing for God's kingdom of justice and peace, let us pray in the words Jesus 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 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 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)
translated by Peter Williams (1727–96) and others

Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch
William Williams (1717–91)

All remain standing as the Dean leads the Act of Commitment

LET us commit ourselves to one another in community, before God and in his strength alone:

to remember those who lost their lives;

We will remember them.

to seek justice for those who have been wronged;

We will seek justice.

to care for those who still carry burdens;

We will care for them.

to seek peace with all our neighbours;

We will seek peace.

to uphold the value and dignity of every person.

We will uphold them.

The Dean 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 procession moves to the Innocent Victims' Memorial. The congregation follow, directed by the Honourary Stewards, and are invited to lay a rose on the memorial as they pass. An Abbey bell is tolled 72 times.

Music after the service

Elegy Op 58

*Edward Elgar (1857–1934)
arranged by Matthew Jorysz (b 1992)*