Westminster Abbey

A SERVICE TO MARK THE 10\textsuperscript{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 ON AWARENESS SUNDAY

Sunday 11\textsuperscript{th} September 2011
6.30 pm
Today we commemorate the tragic events in the United States that happened 10 years ago exactly, 11th September 2001, the day universally known as 9/11. Organised terrorists attacks took place in New York, Washington DC, and in Pennsylvania, with two passenger aeroplanes being flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre. The structures collapsed and hundreds of innocent people were killed—people of all races, nations, and religions. The loss of life was catastrophic and the aftermath for the survivors traumatic in the extreme. A poignant symbol of the tragedy was the total destruction of St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at the street level of the World Trade Centre. A lifeline for immigrants arriving from Greece, the church had been a testimony to the American dream, its faith, and its faithfulness to the pledge of liberty and justice for all people.

In spite of the horror, the response to unfolding events from both the emergency services and the people of the local community was instant, and many risked their lives for the sake of others. St Paul’s Episcopal Chapel immediately became the beacon of hope for the traumatised people of New York and remains a place of prayer and remembrance as thousands visit the site year after year. A memorial to the events of 9/11 is now being created at the site of the former World Trade Centre, an area now known as ‘Ground Zero’.

Among those who were present in the area on 11th September 2001 was The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, at that time Archbishop of Wales, now a patron of the Awareness Foundation, the sponsors of this evening’s service. His book Writing in the Dust is a vivid description of both the terror and the consequences of this day in world history.

May the faithful departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

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The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, 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 Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

*Andréj Kouznetsov, Organ Scholar, plays:*

Psalm Prelude Set I no 1: *Lo, the poor crieth and the Lord heareth him*  
*Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

Chorale Prelude on *Eventide*  
*Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

Elegy in F  
*George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)*

Epitaphe *from* 24 Pièces en style libre  
*Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

Solemn Prelude: *In Memoriam*  
*Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The Choir sings

THE INTROIT

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946) Song of Solomon 2: 3–4

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN
during which the Collegiate Procession moves to places in the Quire and Sacarium

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest, beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not, what social joys are there, what radiancy of glory, what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song, and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng; the Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene, the pastures of the blessèd are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released, the song of them that triumph, the shout of them that feast; and they who, with their Leader, have conquered in the fight, for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country, shall I ever see thy face? O sweet and blessèd country, shall I ever win thy grace?

Exult, O dust and ashes! The Lord shall be thy part: his only, his for ever,

thou shalt be, and thou art!

Ewing 381 NEH
Alexander Ewing (1830–95) adapted

Urbs Sion aurea Bernard of Cluny (fl. early 12th century) translated by John Mason Neale (1818–66)
All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says

THE BIDDING

We remember. We remember the moment we heard on 11th September 2001 of the attacks on the Twin Towers, on the Pentagon. Those of us who were there have their own memories that perhaps words cannot describe.

We remember what we saw. We remember not only the horror and the tragic loss of life, but also the heroism, the generosity, the love shared in moments of crisis. We remember the survivors, the bereaved. We come together to remember.

Conscious of man’s inhumanity to man and of the effect over the past ten years of what was done that day, we come to pray not only for the victims and survivors but for an end to violence and terror and that men and women might live together in peace and harmony.

We come to pray for the coming of God’s kingdom on earth.

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 sit for

A REFLECTION ON REMEMBRANCE

by

Dr Courtney Cowart

A 9/11 survivor

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE KONTAKION FOR THE DEAD

during which a wreath, with candle escort of students from St Marylebone Church, is processed from the High Altar to the Innocent Victims’ Memorial

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting. Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man: and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return: for so thou didst ordain, when thou createdst me, saying, Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. All we go down to the dust; and weeping o’er the grave, we make our song: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting.

All stand and turn to face the Great West Door for

THE LAYING OF THE WREATH

The Dean says:

Standing here at the Memorial to Innocent Victims we honour and remember all who died in the terrorist attacks of 9/11 ten years ago.

Dr Courtney Cowart lays the wreath.

Silence is kept.

The Right Reverend Michael Marshall, President, Awareness Foundation, says:

Loving God, we remember before you those who have been victims of terrorism and whose deaths we continue to mourn. Give us strength to be instruments of bringing good from evil, that following the example of the Prince of Peace, we may come to share with all the joy of creation. Give us an awareness of your presence in all things and empower us to celebrate our oneness in humanity in a spirit of reconciliation and peace.

For you are the source of hope and to you we give praise; Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All sing

THE HYMN

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) Through many dangers, toils, and snares
that saved a wretch like me! I have already come.
I once was lost, but now am found, 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
was blind, but now I see, and grace will lead me home.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, The Lord has promised good to me,
and grace my fears relieved; his Word my hope secures;
how precious did that grace appear he will my shield and portion be,
the hour I first believed! as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun. than when we’d first begun.

American folk melody 30 HON
arranged by Richard Lloyd

John Newton (1725–1807)
last verse anonymous
All sit. The Right Honourable Michael Mates, Chairman, Awareness Sunday Committee, reads

MICAH 4: 1–4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Corrine Scotland reads

ROMANS 12: 9–21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
All stand to sing

THE HYMN

‘The kingdom is upon you!’
the voice of Jesus cries,
fulfilling with its message
the wisdom of the wise;
it lightens with fresh insight
the striving human mind,
creating new dimensions
of purpose for mankind.

‘God’s kingdom is upon you!’
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith’s road before us,
and trod it to the end.

The kingdom is upon us!
stirred by the Spirit’s breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole.

Aurelia 167 NEH
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

THE ADDRESS

by
The Reverend Nadim Nassar
Director, Awareness Foundation
All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
deep river, Lord I want to cross over into camp-ground.
Oh chillun! 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 Jesu’s feet.
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
deep river, Lord I want to cross over into camp-ground.

Afro-American spiritual
arranged by Michael Tippett (1905–98)

All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Dr James Hawkey, Minor Canon and Sacrist, introduces

THE PRAYERS

In confidence and trust, let us pray to the Father through Jesus Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Pamela Carrington says:
We remember with thanksgiving those we love but see no longer as a result of man’s inhumanity to man; that they may share in the joys of the saints in glory;
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Bert Cooper says:
We give thanks for all who work to keep our communities safe and free from harm: for those in the emergency services, remembering especially the gallantry of those who sacrificed their own lives to help others;
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Huda Nassar says:
We pray for the healing and wholeness of those whose relationships are strained as a result of terrorism; for those who corrupt religion through the use of violence, that they may turn from their wickedness and live; and for greater understanding and acceptance of difference between cultures and faiths;
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
Russ Parker says:
We pray that the hope of Christ shining in the world may sustain and enrich society:
that, confident of Christ’s reconciling love, we may learn to love as he loves us,
bearing one another’s burdens and living in peace and harmony with all;
Lord, hear us.
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Sacrist continues:
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance
of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving
us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and
mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o’er the world’s tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lonely and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Mannheim 393 NEH  
James Edmeston (1791–1867)
from Friedrich Filitz’s Choralbuch 1847
All remain standing. 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 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 amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Music after the service:

Prelude and Fugue in B minor BWV 544 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the west end of the church.

Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places until invited to move by the Stewards.

A retiring collection is taken in aid of the work of the Awareness Foundation.