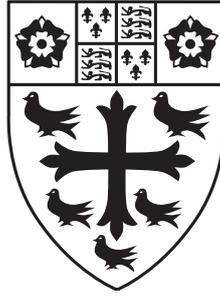


Westminster Abbey



A SERVICE OF HOPE

FOLLOWING THE
TERROR ATTACK
IN WESTMINSTER

Wednesday 5th April 2017

Noon

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off.

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

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 Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

<i>Cortège et Litanie Op 19</i>	<i>Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)</i>
<i>Master Tallis's Testament</i>	<i>Herbert Howells (1892–1983)</i>
<i>Prelude on Eventide</i>	<i>Hubert Parry (1848–1918)</i>
<i>Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott BWV 721</i>	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)</i>
<i>Elegy</i>	<i>Edward Elgar (1857–1934)</i>

Before the service, representatives of the Faith Communities, together with representatives of the Christian Churches, move in procession to their places in the Lantern and the Sacrarium.

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The High Sheriff of Greater London, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London, and a representative of The Lord Mayor of London, are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made, and they are conducted to their seats. All remain seated.

The Right Honourable The Lord Fowler, Lord Speaker, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat. All remain seated.

The Right Honourable John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat. All remain seated.

The Right Honourable Amber Rudd MP, Home Secretary, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made, and she is conducted to her seat. All remain seated.

The Right Honourable Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat. All stand, and then sit.

All stand.

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, are received by the Dean of Westminster at the Great West Gate. Presentations are made.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing as the procession, together with Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, moves to places in Quire, the Lantern, and the Sacrarium.

The choir sings

THE INTROIT

TO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul;
my God, I trust in thee.

*Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)
from the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom*

Psalm 25: 1

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says

THE BIDDING

THE violent assault two weeks ago against Londoners and visitors to this city from around the world and the killing of a police constable on duty at the Palace of Westminster have shocked people everywhere. Today we remember in particular those who lost their lives: Aysha Frade, Kurt Cochran, Leslie Rhodes, Keith Palmer, their families and friends, and all those who were injured. We commend them to the care and keeping of almighty God.

We give thanks for the vigilance and dedication of the Police and Security Services and we pray for them in their vital work of keeping our communities and nations safe from terror and random violence.

We pray today for the communities of our United Kingdom, so rich in their diversity, that we may all celebrate what each contributes and that we may live in harmony.

At a time of sorrow, a time when we are tempted to despair, may we find hope.

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN



DEAR Lord and Father of mankind,
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.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

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
Hubert Parry from Judith*

John Whittier (1807–92)

All sit. The Right Honourable Amber Rudd MP, Home Secretary, reads from the Great Lectern

THE FIRST READING

THUS says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

Jeremiah 31: 15–17

All remain seated. The choir sings

PSALM 130

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.
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.

Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

All remain seated. His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge reads from the Great Lectern

THE SECOND READING

WANTING to justify himself, a lawyer asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

St Luke 10: 29–37

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people: and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said: 'Behold, I make all things new.'

A Song of the New Jerusalem
Matthew Martin (b 1976)

Revelation 21: 1–5a

All remain seated for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall
Dean of Westminster

All remain seated. Natalie Clein, cellist, plays from the Nave:

Song of the Birds

*traditional Catalan
arranged by Natalie Clein (b 1977)
after Pablo Casals (1876–1973)*

Prelude *from* Cello Suite in G BWV 1007

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Act of Commitment

All stand. Candles are lit, during which the choir sings

PSALM 121

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
so that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.
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.

Henry Walford Davies

When all the candles have been lit, the Dean says

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

St John 1:5

O GOD, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ has delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the light of your kingdom: grant that as he was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life and seek those things that are above, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Together let us affirm our shared humanity and our resolve to bring light and life to all.

All say:

We will pursue justice.

We will show mercy.

We will seek peace.

All kneel or sit. The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, introduces

THE PRAYERS

IN the name of almighty God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer, and in remembrance of those who have died or been injured, let us pray for the gifts of healing and peace.

Commander Mak Chishty, Metropolitan Police Service, says:

IN the name of God, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful. O God, we raise our hands in prayer today. We ask you for your mercy and your blessing at and on this gathering. We ask you to bless the souls of those innocent people who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on March 22nd. We ask you to grant peace, comfort, and patience to their grieving families, friends, and loved ones at this difficult time. We ask you to keep our city and country safe and secure always. And we ask you to safeguard and strengthen the bonds of unity and friendship between our diverse communities, and to protect us from the forces of division and hatred always.

Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE says:

GRANT us peace, goodness, and blessing; life, grace, and kindness; justice and mercy. Source of our life, bless us all together with the light of your presence, for in the light of your presence, you give us, our Living God, law and life, love and kindness, justice and mercy, blessing and peace. And in your eyes it is good to bless all your people with the strength to make peace. Blessed are you, God, blessing your peoples with peace.

Ayatollah Sayyid Fadhel Hosseini Milani says:

PEOPLE are either your brothers in faith or similar to you in humanity. We are constantly reminded in the Islamic teachings of the Prophet and the Imams that the best of Muslims is one who utters beautiful words, who does virtuous deeds, who gives to the poor, who helps the needy, and who protects the weak.

Imam Ali (601–61) from his letter to the governor in Egypt

Police Constable Jaskaran Garcha, Metropolitan Police Service, says:

FIRST, God created the Light; then, by his Creative Power, he made all mortal beings. From the One Light, the entire universe welled up. So who is good, and who is bad? O people, O Siblings of Destiny, do not wander deluded by doubt. The Creation is in the Creator, and the Creator is in the Creation, totally pervading and permeating all places.

The Reverend Anthony Ball, Canon in Residence, says:

BE present, O merciful God, and protect us, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may repose upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Right Honourable Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, says:

LORD, make us channels of your peace.
Where there is hatred let us bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, faith.

Make us channels of your peace.
Where there is despair in life, let us bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there is sadness, ever joy.

after St Francis of Assisi (1181–1226)

The Precentor concludes:

Longing for God’s kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace, let us pray as Jesus Christ has 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.

The candles are extinguished.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



NOW thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the One eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

*Nun danket 413 NEH
in Johann Crüger's Praxis pietatis melica 1647*

*Nun danket alle Gott Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)*

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GOD grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us sinners, life everlasting; 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.

The clergy and choir, together with Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, move to the west end of the Abbey Church.

Music after the service:

Prelude and Fugue in B minor BWV 544

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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