

# Westminster Abbey



## Service

attended by  
the Lord Chancellor  
and Secretary of State for Justice,  
the Lord Chief Justice,  
the President and Justices  
of the Supreme Court,  
and other Judges and Members  
of the Legal Profession

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017  
11.30 am

*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 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 Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.*

*The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.*

*Music before the service:*

Komm, Heiliger Geist,  
Herre Gott BWV 651

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand for the Procession.*

*All sit when the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, the Heads of Divisions, and the Justices of the Supreme Court have taken their seats. The remaining members of the procession enter, taking their seats upon reaching their places.*

*All stand as the Collegiate Procession moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium.*

*All remain standing. The choir sings*

## THE INTROIT

**T**HOU knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful Tears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

*Henry Purcell (1659–95)  
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679–95*

*Book of Common Prayer 1549*

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

## THE BIDDING

**A**T the beginning of the legal year, we gather in the presence of almighty God, who is the judge of all and who knows the secrets of our hearts, to renew our commitment to the service of the Crown and of all the people in the cause of justice.

We acknowledge our high calling to reflect the justice and mercy of God. We seek God's strength and guidance that we might remain true to the highest legal traditions, subtle as we apply ourselves to the causes before us, and wise as we influence the development of the law.

We pray for the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, The Right Honourable David Lidington, for The Right Honourable Sir Ian Burnett, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and for all who make and administer the law, both in the United Kingdom and in the European Union, and in the other legal jurisdictions represented here today.

We ask God to sustain us in our duties, to grant us humility and sound judgement, to forgive our errors, and to inspire us in our service. Here on earth may we serve more faithfully that heavenly justice in which alone we can in the end trust.

So let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom on earth, saying, as Jesus taught us:

**O**UR 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. The Right Honourable David Lidington CBE MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, reads*

#### THE FIRST READING

**W**ITH what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6: 6–8*

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



**H**E 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*  
*by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

*from The Pilgrim's Progress*  
*John Bunyan (1628–88)*  
*adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)*

*All sit. The Right Honourable Sir Ian Burnett, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, reads*

## THE SECOND READING

**J**ESUS said to his disciples; ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

*St Matthew 25: 31–46*

*The choir sings*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

**W**E praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.  
To thee all angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.  
To thee cherubin, and seraphin : continually do cry,  
Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty : of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles : praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets : praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs : praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;  
the Father : of an infinite majesty;  
thine honourable, true : and only Son;  
also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :  
    thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :  
    thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the Glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :  
    whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints : in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day : we magnify thee;  
and we worship thy name : ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

*John Ireland (1879–1962) in F*

## THE SERMON

by

The Right Reverend Michael Doe  
*Preacher of Gray's Inn*

*All stand to sing*

## THE HYMN



**D**EAR 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.

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 (1848–1918) from Judith*

*John Whittier (1807–92)*

*All sit or kneel. The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Sacrist, leads*

## THE PRAYERS

**L**ET us pray for this United Kingdom, for its unity, peace, and concord; for Elizabeth our Queen, and for all members of the Royal Family; for both houses of Parliament, and all who bear responsibility in the ordering of our society; that justice, truth, and integrity may direct our common life.

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Reverend David Stanton, Canon in Residence, says:*

**L**ET us remember both the victims of crime and its perpetrators. Let us pray for those held prisoner, whether convicted or on remand, and for communities where there is anxiety and the fear of crime; praying for all that encourages social cohesion, resilience, and the development of virtue.

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Venerable Sheila Watson, Preacher of Lincoln's Inn, says:*

**L**ET us pray for all who administer justice in this realm; for all judges and the tribunals judiciary, magistrates, jurors, and ombudsmen; for clerks and court officials; for barristers, solicitors, chartered legal executives, and all whose profession or expertise is the law. Let us pray for the police, the armed forces, the probation and the prison services, and those who sustain order in our land; that our nation may live in peace and security.

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Reverend Mark Hatcher, Reader of the Temple, says:*

**L**ET us pray for our fellow nations within the European Union and the Council of Europe; for all who make and administer law within their legal jurisdictions; and for those who labour in these fields of European law.

Lord, in thy mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of the Temple, says:*

**O** GOD, the just and merciful Judge of all mankind, look down from heaven, we beseech thee, on these thy servants, who are set by thy appointment to minister justice in this land. Grant unto them thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of uprightness, the Spirit of discernment, and the Spirit of love, that they may boldly, discreetly, and mercifully fulfil their sacred duties, to the good of thy people and the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Right Reverend Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, says:*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose word alone lights the paths of justice, send down upon our judges the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*All stand to sing*

THE HYMN



THE Lord will come and not be slow,  
his footsteps cannot err;  
before him righteousness shall go,  
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom then;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;  
for thou art he who shalt by right  
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
to bow them low before thee, Lord,  
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great  
by thy strong hand are done:  
thou in thy everlasting seat  
remainest God alone.

*St Stephen 15 NEH*  
*William Jones (1726–1800)*

*John Milton (1608–74)*  
*paraphrases on verses from Psalms 85, 82, 86*

*All remain standing. The Dean pronounces*

### THE BLESSING

**G**OD 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

**G**OD 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.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
on her be pleased to pour,  
long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
and ever give us cause  
to sing with heart and voice:  
God save The Queen.

*All remain standing as the Procession leaves.*

*Music after the service:*

Marche héroïque

*Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)*

*The bells of the Abbey Church are rung.*