

Westminster Abbey



Civic Service

attended in Civic State by

The Lord Mayor of Westminster

Councillor Steve Summers

and

Councillors of the City of Westminster



Sunday 3rd July 2016

11.00 am

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Westminster first achieved the status of a city in 1540 when, for only ten years, it became a bishopric. Its first recorded civic administration dates from 1585, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, when an Act authorised the establishment of a Court of Burgesses ‘for the good government of the City of Westminster’.

While Queen Elizabeth I was creating mayors elsewhere in England, she was concerned that a mayor in Westminster might challenge the authority of the monarch in her own capital city, and she therefore appointed instead the High Steward of Westminster Abbey as Chairman of her newly created Court of Burgesses. The first High Steward to chair the new Court of Burgesses was the Queen’s First Minister, William Cecil, Lord Burleigh.

The Court of Burgesses was an administrative body which dealt with public health and morality, planning permissions, the prevention and punishment of crime, and the regulation of weights and measures. It comprised twelve Burgesses appointed by the Dean—one for each ward.

However, when the London Government Act of 1899 created twenty-eight Metropolitan Borough Councils, each having an elected Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors, the authority of the Dean and the High Steward in secular affairs ceased.

The last High Steward who was also effectively Mayor was Lord Salisbury, who was then also Prime Minister. The Duke of Norfolk was the first Mayor of Westminster. On 29th October 1900, a Royal Charter confirmed the status of Westminster as a city.

Since 1935, in order to preserve this historic link between Westminster Abbey and the City Council, the High Steward (the Abbey’s senior Lay Officer) has each year appointed the current Mayor of Westminster as Deputy High Steward of Westminster.

The new City of Westminster, incorporating the Boroughs of Paddington and St Marylebone, was constituted by Royal Charter on 1st April 1965. The following year, the Queen granted the First Citizen the style and dignity of Lord Mayor.

To recognise these links between Westminster Abbey and the City Council, the Dean and Chapter welcomes annually the new Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Deputy High Steward, in State to the Civic Service.

THE LORD MAYOR

Councillor Steve Summers was elected to Westminster City Council in 2006, representing the Vincent Square Ward, where he lives.

Vincent Square Ward covers the area of Westminster between the river and Victoria Street. Vauxhall Bridge Road and Horseferry Road are the western and eastern boundaries. The Ward is overwhelmingly residential and has a number of educational establishments, including primary and secondary schools and the Chelsea College of Arts. The Ward is also home to Tate Britain, the Royal Horticultural Society, and Westminster Cathedral.

In his 10 years as a Councillor, Steve has been involved in many areas of the Council's activity, although he has taken a particularly keen interest in sport and leisure. He served in the Council's Cabinet for five years, where he was responsible for libraries, sports and leisure, parks and gardens, customer services, and the voluntary sector. He was also responsible for Westminster's preparations for the Olympics in 2012. In addition, Steve has served as a planning committee Chairman, and as Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning and Deputy Cabinet Member for Licensing and Community Protection.

Steve is currently a Director of the London Youth Games, and has served as a Governor of one of Westminster's schools, and as a Director of City West Homes.

Outside his Council duties, Steve is a partner of the public relations firm Bell Pottinger. In his spare time he supports Newcastle United FC, and is a member of Surrey County Cricket Club.

THE LORD MAYOR'S CHARITIES

During his year in office, The Lord Mayor, is supporting two charities: **Greenhouse Sports** and the **Sir Simon Milton Foundation**.

Greenhouse Sports

Greenhouse Sports is a London based sport for social change charity, that aims to develop life skills for young people in some of London's most disadvantaged communities. This is achieved through intensive sports programmes delivered by inspirational coaches. Their coaches work full time in mainstream secondary and Special Educational Needs schools, and run four community clubs which provide sport programmes across the capital. These clubs and activities inspire young people to reach their full potential.

The charity focuses on the young people who need them most, which is why they work in schools where at least two-thirds of the population live in areas of high deprivation. Greenhouse Sports, has worked with 38,000 young people since 2002. By using sports to engage hard-to-reach young people, they have helped a large number of them to overcome the barriers that are often associated with growing up in a disadvantaged community.

Over the next year, the organisation will undergo a new capital project, transforming a deconsecrated church on Cosway Street, in Westminster's Church Street Ward, into a state-of-the-art sports centre that will provide life changing coaching for young people from the local area.

For more information, visit www.greenhousesports.org.

Sir Simon Milton Foundation

In addition, the Lord Mayor will continue to support the Sir Simon Milton Foundation which has been so important to so many people in Westminster City Council, and has been the chosen charity of the last three Lord Mayors. The Foundation is sponsoring the development of a new University Technical College (UTC) for 14–18 year olds, which will educate and train young Londoners for jobs in the engineering and construction industry. The UTC is on target to open in September 2017.

For more information visit www.sirsimonmiltonfoundation.com.

THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Michael Macey currently serves as Vicar of Boxmoor, a large urban Parish with three Churches equating to approximately a quarter of Hemel Hempstead, in the Diocese of St Albans. Prior to his move to Boxmoor in 2014, Mike was Minor Canon and Precentor here at the Abbey for five years, and was responsible for organising the worshipping life of the Abbey, including its many State and Civic services.

He was ordained on this day in 2005 in the Diocese of Exeter, and served his Title in the Parish of Dartmouth. He is passionate about liturgy and music in ministry, and holds the view that all liturgical experience needs to, and must, enable the worshipper to meet with the Divine, even if only for a fleeting moment.

Mike is also Assistant Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead, and a member of the Diocesan Worship and Liturgy Committee.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

An architectural masterpiece of the 13th to 16th centuries, Westminster Abbey also presents a unique pageant of British history—the shrine of St Edward the Confessor, the tombs of kings and queens, and countless memorials to the famous and the great. It has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066, and for numerous other royal occasions. Today it is still a church dedicated to regular worship and to the celebration of great events in the life of the nation. Neither a cathedral nor a parish church, Westminster Abbey is a Royal Peculiar under the jurisdiction of a Dean and Chapter, subject only to the Sovereign.

In the 1040s, King Edward (later St Edward the Confessor), last of the Anglo-Saxon kings, established his royal palace by the banks of the River Thames on land known as Thorney Island, re-endowing the existing Benedictine monastery of the island, and building a large Romanesque church. This church became known as the ‘west minster’ to distinguish it from St Paul’s Cathedral (the east minster) in the City of London.

Edward's Abbey survived for two centuries until the middle of the 13th century, when King Henry III decided to rebuild it in the new Gothic style of architecture. Westminster Abbey was designed to be not only a great monastery and place of worship, but also a place for the coronation and burial of monarchs.

It was natural that Henry III should wish to translate the body of the saintly Edward the Confessor into a more magnificent tomb behind the High Altar. This shrine survives, and around it are buried a cluster of medieval kings and their consorts. The Abbey contains some 600 monuments and wall tablets—the most important collection of monumental sculpture anywhere in the country—and over three thousand people are buried here.

Little remains of the original medieval stained glass, once one of the Abbey's chief glories. The great west window and the rose window in the North Transept date from the early 18th century, but the remainder of the glass dates from the 19th century onwards.

Queen Elizabeth I, buried in the Lady Chapel, refounded the Abbey in 1560 as a Collegiate Church, a Royal Peculiar exempt from the jurisdiction of bishops and with the Sovereign as its Visitor. In place of the monastic community, a Collegiate body of a Dean and Prebendaries, Minor Canons, and a lay staff was established and charged with the task of continuing the tradition of daily worship (for which a musical foundation of choristers, singing men and organist was provided), and with the education of forty Scholars who formed the nucleus of what is now Westminster School (one of the country's leading independent schools). In addition, the Dean and Chapter were responsible for much of the civil government of Westminster, a role which was only fully relinquished in the early 20th century. Thus the Abbey was reshaped and newly patterned to discharge a distinctive yet worshipful role in a modern age.

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

Photography, filming, and sound recording are not allowed in the Abbey at any time. Please ensure that mobile telephones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.

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 Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

Before the service, Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

Prelude and Fugue in G BWV 541 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685–1750)

Prélude *from* Symphonie II *Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)*

Fantaisie in E flat *Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)*

Sursum Corda *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*
arranged by Edwin Lemare (1865–1934)

Before the service the 'Laetatus Bell' is tolled. Its inscription runs:

LAETATUS SUM
FLOREAT CIVITAS: FLOREAT SENATUS

I was glad (Psalm 122: 1)
May the city flourish: May Parliament flourish

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The Guard of Honour is provided by the crew of HMS Westminster.

Prior to the arrival of the Lord Mayor, a Procession comprising the Honorary Recorder of Westminster, Her Majesty's Coroner for Westminster, the Representative Deputy Lieutenant for Westminster, the Chief Executive of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association of London, the President and Provost of University College London, the Dean of the Faculty of Law at University College London, and two senior representatives from HMS Westminster, moves to places in Quire.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, who attends the service in Civic State, is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand.

The procession of the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster moves to places in Quire by way of the South Quire Aisle. All remain standing.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

ALL people clap your hands : sing loud unto the Lord with a joyful voice.

God is gone up with triumph : ev'n the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise the Lord with harp : sing unto him with viol and instruments of music.

Let us rejoice in the living God : from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

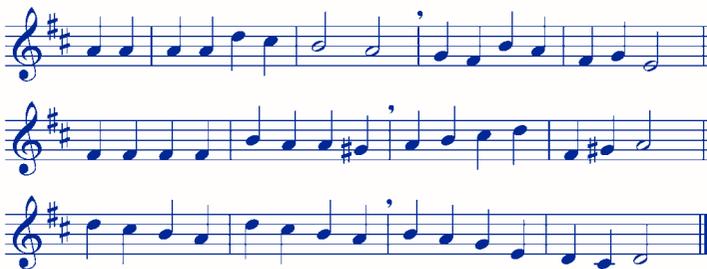
Thomas Weelkes (c 1575–1623)

Psalms 47: 1, 5; 33: 2

All sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession
moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium*



PRaise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, my soul 436 NEH
John Goss (1800–80)

Henry Lyte (1793–1847)
after Psalm 103

All remain standing.

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, gives

THE BIDDING

MY Lord Mayor, Councillors, and Officers of Westminster City Council, we welcome you with all those from the City of Westminster and further afield who have come here to worship God today, to Westminster Abbey for this Civic Service.

We come to this holy place, rich with its thousand-year tradition of Christian worship; we come as Christians and adherents of the other great world faiths; as those who are seeking and those who are doubting; we represent the rich diversity of our common life in Westminster and beyond; we come in harmony and peace together, rejoicing in our common humanity.

We come to thank God for the many blessings of life in this City and for those who offer themselves for public service. We come knowing that we never achieve our highest ambitions, and asking for strength still to strive for the greater good. We come to pray for all the people of our City, our nation, our world.

We come to pray that our public life may be marked by imagination and integrity, justice, and compassion. We come to pray for all who live and work in our City, that they may grow together in mutual understanding and respect. We pray for those who teach and learn in the schools, colleges, and Universities of our City.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces of the Crown and all who bring order and peace to our City life. We pray for all who visit our City and those arriving in our City. We pray for God's guidance and blessing for the work of the City Council, for the wellbeing of our City, and in the service of its residents and visitors.

Let us pray together for the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace in the words our Saviour gave 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.

All sit. Councillor Philippa Roe, Leader of the Council, reads

ISAIAH 12

YOU will say on that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

All remain seated. The choir sings

PSALM 122

I WAS glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

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.

Walter Parratt (1841–1924)

All remain seated. The Lord Mayor of Westminster reads

COLOSSIANS 3: 12–15

AS God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

AND did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

Jerusalem 488 NEH
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

William Blake (1757–1827)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Reverend Michael Macey
Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Westminster

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

William Walton (1902–83)

Psalm 100

All kneel or remain seated.

The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot, Minor Canon and Sacrist of Westminster, leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray in faith to God, the only true keeper of the house and builder of the city.

FOR this City of Westminster and for all who live here, for the work of the Lord Mayor and the Councillors of this city, and for all who bear responsibility in the ordering of our common life; for a vision of a hospitable community which inspires our labours and which encourages creativity, enterprise, and diversity amongst young people, and for the use of our gifts in the service of all God's people.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Professor Michael Arthur, Provost of University College London, says:

FOR the nations of the world; for their peace, stability, and concord; for Elizabeth our Queen; for the High Court of Parliament; for the Armed Forces of the Crown, in particular for the Captain and Ship's Company of HMS Westminster; for all who work for the maintenance of civil order and the upholding of the law in this city and nation; and for wisdom and discernment in their several vocations.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all in need and those who care for them; for refugees and those without shelter or work; for the sick, the lonely and the despairing, the aged and the distressed; and for all who suffer through violence, warfare, crime, exploitation, or neglect.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Reverend Professor Vernon White, Canon Theologian, says:

FOR all places of worship in this City, and for those who minister to the spiritual needs of our people; for growth in mutual understanding between diverse traditions and cultures; and for the unity of all people.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all former members of the City Council, for our benefactors, and for all who have died in faith; that the glories of the eternal city may be their lasting joy.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The choir sings

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

FOR the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

John Rutter (b 1945)

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917)

The Sacrist concludes:

All these our prayers we offer to God our Father, trusting in his promises and obedient to his will, saying together:

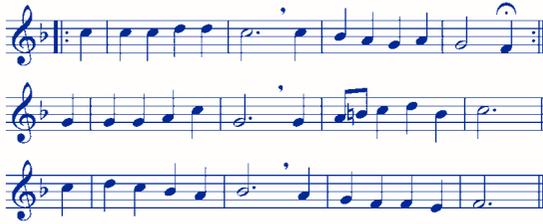
ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

St John Chrysostom (c 347–407)

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

*during which a collection is taken, by request of the Lord Mayor,
for Greenhouse Sports and The Sir Simon Milton Foundation.*



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 blessèd 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

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.**

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.

All remain standing.

Music after the Service:

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne (1830–1937)

The Collegiate Procession moves through Quire and the Nave to the west end of the Abbey Church.

The Procession of the Lord Mayor and Councillors moves to College Garden, with invited guests following. The Lord Mayor will greet departing members of the congregation at the Great West Door.

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

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

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