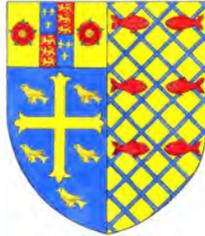


Westminster Abbey



Sung Eucharist
marking the 40th anniversary
of the ordination to the priesthood of
John Robert Hall

4th July 2016
5.00 pm

Sit Deo gloria

Biographical Note

John Robert Hall was born on 13th March 1949, the second of four children of Robert and Margaret Hall, who brought up their family in Eltham, South-East London. They were active members of the Church of St John the Baptist, Eltham Parish Church. From the age of five, John was a boat boy and joined the church choir at the age of eight, becoming head chorister. Later he re-joined the serving team and became sacristan. He was educated at Eltham Church of England Primary School and St Dunstan's College. He recognised a vocation to ordination at the age of seventeen.

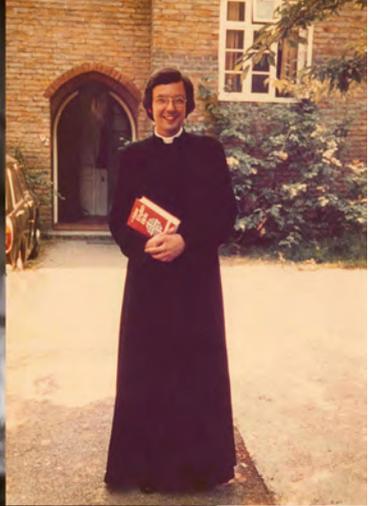
After school, John spent six months teaching at Starehe Boys' Centre in Nairobi before reading Theology at St Chad's College in the University of Durham. He then taught Religious Education for two years at Malet Lambert High School, a senior comprehensive school in Kingston-upon-Hull. He trained for the ministry at Cuddesdon Theological College.

John was made Deacon by The Right Reverend Mervyn Stockwood, Lord Bishop of Southwark, in his Cathedral on 29th June 1975 to serve a title at the Church of St John the Divine, Kennington. He was ordained Priest in Southwark Cathedral on 4th July 1976 and sang his first Mass on 5th July. The Deacon on that occasion was today's preacher, The Right Reverend Graham James, Bishop of Norwich.

On All Saints' Day 1978, John was licensed as priest-in-charge of All Saints' Church, South Wimbledon, and, on 2nd October 1984, he was instituted by The Right Reverend Ronald Bowlby, Lord Bishop of Southwark, and inducted by the Archdeacon to serve as Vicar of St Peter's Church, Streatham. That year he was elected a Proctor in Convocation to serve on General Synod.

In 1992, John moved to Lancashire and took up the post of Diocesan Director of Education in the Diocese of Blackburn, appointed and licensed by The Right Reverend Alan Chesters, Lord Bishop of Blackburn. He was installed first as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral and in 1994 as a Residentiary Canon. He later became Canon Emeritus. In 1998, he moved back to London, to take up the post of General Secretary of the Church of England Board of Education and of the National Society, a post later re-titled Chief Education Officer of the Church of England, based at Church House, Westminster.

On 2nd December 2006, he was installed as the 38th Dean of Westminster.



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The Gathering

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



CROWN him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne—the Infinite!
who lives—and loves—and saves.

Diademata 352 NEH
George Elvey (1816–93)

Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

The president says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The president greets the congregation to which all respond:

and also with you.

All remain standing. The president introduces

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

after which all say:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The president gives

THE ABSOLUTION

All respond: Amen.

The choir sings

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,

All sit.

et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All stand. The president sings

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

A short period of silence is kept.

ALMIGHTY God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave to the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock: inspire all priests faithfully to administer your holy mysteries and your people to receive them willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit for

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*read by Caroline Myddelton
member of the Abbey congregation*

IN the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Isaiah 6: 1–8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

THE PSALM

Antiphon: Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

THE Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
He is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.
Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy.
Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name;
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.
You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them and pardoned
them for their offences.

Psalm 99

All remain seated for

THE EPISTLE

*read by The Reverend Canon Mark Williams
Vicar, St John the Divine, Kennington*

IF anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 5: 17—6: 2

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for

THE GOSPEL

Choir: Alleluia!



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All: Alleluia!

The Right Reverend Lindsay Urwin, Vicar, Christ Church, Brunswick, Australia, says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

WHEN it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

St John 20: 19–23

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON
by The Right Reverend Graham James
Bishop of Norwich

All stand to say

THE NICENE CREED

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All remain standing. The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon Steward, leads

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each petition there is said:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The intercession ends:

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All remain standing. The president introduces

THE PEACE

GOD has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Members of the congregation may greet each other with a sign of peace, most commonly a handshake.

All remain standing to sing

THE OFFERTORY HYMN



LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living Bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for Faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia!

We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,

Alleluia!

Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia!

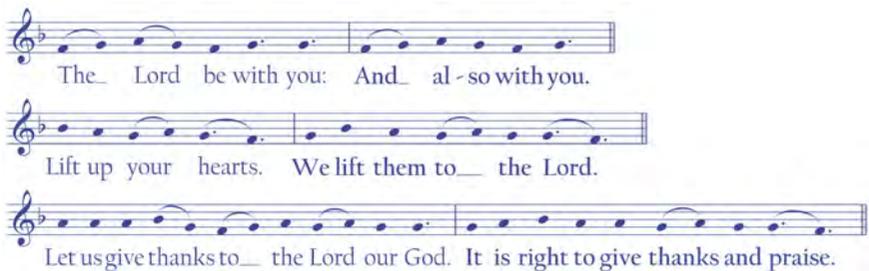
Risen, ascended, glorified!

St Helen 296i NEH
George Martin (1844–1916)

George Bourne (1840–1925)

All remain standing for

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE WINE
and THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you: And al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

The choir sings

SANCTUS

SANCTUS, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues the Eucharistic Prayer:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

*The president continues the Eucharistic Prayer, to which all respond: **Amen.***

All remain standing. The president introduces

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieux...

Padre nostro che sei nei cieli...

Vater Unser im Himmel...

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo...

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 remain standing for

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The president says

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

JESUS is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The congregation is invited to sit as the president and other ministers begin the GIVING OF COMMUNION. Those wishing to receive communion come forward as directed by the Stewards. If you receive communion in your own church you are welcome to do so here. Gluten-free wafers are at each communion station. If you require one please indicate so to the priest. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come for a blessing. Please carry this booklet with you to indicate to the priest that you are asking for a blessing.

The minister says to each communicant:

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

During the giving of communion, the choir sings

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The choir sings

THE MOTET

PANIS angelicus fit panis hominum,
dat panis caelicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum
pauper servus et humilis.

The bread of angels becomes the food of humanity. The heavenly bread brings mere symbols to an end. O what marvel: a poor humble servant consumes the Lord.

João Laurenço Rebelo (1610–61)

*from Sacris solemnii juncta
Office Hymn for Matins on Corpus Christi*

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



THOU who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

*Hereford 431 NEH
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)*

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

All remain standing to say

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The president says:

Let us pray.

A short period of silence is kept.

LORD God, heavenly Father, grant your Church today the faith of her apostles, the hope of her martyrs, and the love of her Lord, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Dismissal

The president says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president pronounces

THE BLESSING

THE God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The president censes the statue of Our Lady of Pew in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, during which the choir sings

THE MOTET

AVE Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Amen.

Robert Parsons (c 1535–c 72)

after St Luke 1: 28

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Music after the service:

Finale from Symphonie VI

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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