

Westminster Abbey



EVENSONG
MARKING THE FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANGLICAN
CENTRE IN ROME



Tuesday 14th June 2016
5.00 pm

THE ANGLICAN CENTRE IN ROME

The Anglican Centre in Rome was established by the Anglican Communion in 1966 in response to the ecumenical opportunities opened up by the Second Vatican Council. It is the base for the Representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Holy See. The Centre was dedicated on 22nd March 1966 by Archbishop Michael Ramsey, and officially opened on 5th October 1966 by Cardinal Willebrands who said, 'The Centre will contribute to research, by studies, by conversation, to the dialogue which will be developed in the immediate future. It will contribute by personal contact, by thought, by prayer.' That is a good definition of what the Centre has done for the last fifty years, and continues to do, contributing to the development of a much closer relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion after four centuries of separation. Throughout this period the Centre has occupied an apartment in the Palazzo Doria Pamphilj, in the centre of historic Rome, leased to the Centre by the Doria Pamphilj family at a very modest rent. In 1992 the Centre, which had been funded directly by the Anglican Communion, was incorporated as a UK charity, established to operate and raise funds for the Centre on behalf of the Anglican Communion. The Centre has a library of Anglican theology (about 14,000 volumes) to make information about Anglicanism available to the academic community in Rome. The Centre runs courses to enable Anglicans to become more familiar with the Roman Catholic Church, and symposia to discuss issues of mutual interest. The Director of the Centre plays a significant part in ecumenical activities in Rome.



Pope Paul VI giving Archbishop Michael Ramsey his episcopal ring

EVENSONG

Welcome to Westminster Abbey. Daily prayer has been offered in this place for over a thousand years and your participation in today's service is warmly welcomed. At Choral Evensong most of the service is sung by the choir on our behalf. We participate through our presence and our listening, that the words and the music might become a prayer within us and lift us to contemplate God's beauty and glory.

The service always includes one or more psalms. These ancient prayers, taken from the Old Testament, reflect the full range of human emotions and experiences; from the depths of anger, resentment, and abandonment to the heights of ecstatic joy and praise. They were used by Jesus, and have always been at the heart of the Church's daily prayer.

The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, taken from the early chapters of St Luke's gospel, reflect two responses to the Incarnation (God becoming fully human in Jesus Christ). Both speak of the fulfilment of God's promises, not just to 'Abraham and his seed', but also 'to be a light to lighten the Gentiles' (all nations). With their themes of fulfilment and completion, these texts have been given central place for many centuries in the Church's prayers for the evening and at the end of the day.

This booklet gives the order of service together with details of the music and readings. Please sing the hymns and say those parts of the service printed in **bold type**.

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



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Large-print orders of service are available from the vergers.

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.

Organ music before the service, played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist:

Pièce d'orgue BWV 572 *Johan Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Prelude and Fugue in G Op 37 no 2 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*

Psalm Prelude Set 1 no 2 *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

David Dangoor DL, representing the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his place. All remain seated.

ORDER OF SERVICE

From the Nave the choir sings

THE INTROIT

EXSULTATE Deo, adjutori nostro,
jubilate Deo Jacob.
Sumite psalmum, et date tympanum,
psalterium jucundum, cum cithara.
Buccinate in neomenia tuba,
insigni die solemnitatis vestrae.

*Sing merrily to God our strength,
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Take up the song and sound the timbrel,
the tuneful lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon: as at the full moon,
upon your solemn feast day.*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c 1525–94)

Psalm 81: 1–3

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

during which the procession moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium



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)

ORDER OF PROCESSION

The Choir of Westminster Abbey

The Cross of Westminster and Lights

The Reverend Julia Pickles
Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Reverend Dr Tim McQuibban
*Minister, Pont Sant' Angelo
Methodist Church, Rome*

His Grace Bishop Angaelos
*General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox
Church in the United Kingdom*

His Eminence The Most
Reverend Archbishop Gregorios
Archbishop of Thyatira and Great Britain

His Eminence The Most Reverend
Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia

The Right Reverend and Right
Honourable Lord Carey of Clifton
former Archbishop of Canterbury

The Reverend Canon Christopher Tuckwell
Administrator, Westminster Cathedral

The Right Reverend Dr John Inge
Bishop of Worcester

The Right Reverend Brian Farrell
Secretary, PCPCU

The Right Reverend Dr Steven Croft
Bishop of Sheffield

The Most Reverend Antonio Mennini
Papal Nuncio

The Right Reverend Dr Peter Forster
Bishop of Chester

The Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson
*representing His Eminence
Cardinal Vincent Nichols,
Archbishop of Westminster*

The Right Reverend Graham James
Bishop of Norwich

His Eminence Cardinal
Cormac Murphy O'Connor

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*Archbishop of Birmingham
and Co-Chair, ARCIC III*

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Director and Co-Chair, ARCIC III

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Chairman of Governors, Anglican Centre in Rome

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Priest Vicar

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The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot
Minor Canon and Sacrist

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz
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The Reverend David Stanton
Canon Treasurer and Almoner

The Reverend Professor Vernon White
Canon Theologian

The Venerable Andrew Tremlett
Canon in Residence

Dean's Verger

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall
Dean of Westminster

The Most Reverend and Right
Honourable Justin Welby
*Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate
of All England, and Metropolitan*

The Queen's Almsmen

All remain standing. The Dean gives

THE WELCOME

The officiant says a Sentence of Scripture.

The officiant and choir sing

THE RESPONSES

O LORD, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord.

Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

All sit. The choir sings

PSALM 84

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord :
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where
she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be alway praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.
Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are
filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth
every one of them in Sion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the
tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and
worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly
life.
O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

All stand.

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.

James Coward (1824–80)

*All sit. The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham,
and Roman Catholic Co-Chair of the Anglican—Roman Catholic
International Commission (ARCIC III), reads*

THE FIRST LESSON

THE boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the
Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

1 Samuel 3: 1–10

All stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

during which the Dean censures the High Altar

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Herbert Howells Gloucester Service

St Luke 1: 46–55

All sit. The Most Reverend Dr David Moxon KNZM, Director, The Anglican Centre in Rome; former Primate of New Zealand; Anglican Co-Chair of the Anglican—Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III), reads

THE SECOND LESSON

I PAUL, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

‘When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.’

(When it says, ‘He ascended’, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4: 1–16

All stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

Herbert Howells Gloucester Service

St Luke 2: 29–32

All face east and say together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I BELIEVE in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried,
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The officiant and choir sing

THE LESSER LITANY, THE LORD'S PRAYER,
and THE RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All kneel or sit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O LORD, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save The Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The officiant sings

THE COLLECTS

of the Day, for Peace, and for Aid against all perils:

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thomas Tomkins

The officiant says

THE PRAYERS

for the Royal Family, and for the Members of the Order of the Bath.

All sit. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

I LOVE the Lord : because he hath heard my voice and my supplication.
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me : therefore will I call upon him
as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me : and the pains of hell gat hold upon
me:

I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord : O
Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with
thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my
feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.

Jonathan Harvey (1939–2012)

Psalm 116: 1–4, 7–9

*All kneel or sit. The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot, Minor Canon and Sacrist,
introduces*

THE INTERCESSIONS

We pray, Father, for your Church throughout the world, redeemed by the
blood of Christ, that your Holy Spirit will reveal its unity, guard its faith,
and preserve it in peace.

*The Reverend Marcus Walker, Associate Director, The Anglican Centre in
Rome, says:*

ALMIGHTY God, you have formed your Church to be of one heart and
one soul, in the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit; bless the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome, strengthen it
in your mission, endue it with your heavenly wisdom, and empower it to
do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Bridget Moss, UK Development Officer, The Anglican Centre in Rome,
says:*

ALMIGHTY God, we proclaim with joy our common identity in Christ,
and we thank you for inviting us into a dialogue of love with you;
give us the courage to bear witness to the truth together, and may our

conversations embrace those who perpetuate disunity; send your Spirit to empower us to challenge situations where dignity and compassion are lacking in our societies, nations, and the world. God of life, lead us to justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Venerable Andrew Tremlett, Canon in Residence, says:

GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light; look favourably upon your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence, carry out the work of our salvation; that things which were cast down may be raised up, and that all things may return into unity through him by whom all things were made, even your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sodiq Abioye, Anglican Centre in Rome young supporter; St John the Divine, Kennington, Diocese of Southwark, says:

ALMIGHTY God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave the commandment to the Apostles that they should go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to all people: grant to us who have been called into your Church, a ready will to obey your word; and fill us with a hearty desire to make your way known upon earth, your saving health among all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reverend Roxanne Hunte, Anglican Centre Diocesan Representative, Croydon Episcopal Area, Diocese of Southwark, says:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all, forgive our divisions, heal the wounds of bitterness, resentment, and injured pride; by your love, reconcile us to you that we might be reconciled to one another in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Platten, Chairman of Governors, The Anglican Centre in Rome, says:

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, you have called us in the body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation: in gratitude we celebrate the presence of The Anglican Centre in Rome, and give thanks for its reconciling witness to Christian unity. As we remember the gift of hope that so inspired its creation, we pray that this same hope may strengthen us in our witness to justice and peace in the world, and encourage us in our commitment to one body, one faith, and one Lord even Jesus Christ, your risen and glorified Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Sacrist concludes:

REJOICING in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Edward the Confessor, and all the saints, by praying together the words of the grace:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13: 13

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



KING of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

*Gwalchmai 391 NEH
Joseph Jones (1827–70)*

*Praise (II) in The Temple
George Herbert (1593–1633)*

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Michael 333 NEH
Herbert Howells

Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650–80)
translated by Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

THE God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Music after the service:

Fantasia and Toccata Op 57

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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