

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH
WESTMINSTER ABBEY



A Service of
Prayer and Remembrance
for

JO COX MP

22nd June 1974–16th June 2016

Monday 20th June 2016
4.00 pm



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

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

The service is conducted by The Venerable Andrew Tremlett, Sub-Dean, Rector of St Margaret's Church and Archdeacon of Westminster, and The Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The service is sung by the Choir of St Margaret's Church, conducted by Aidan Oliver, Director of Music.

The organ is played by Richard Pearce.

Before the service the choir sings movements from Requiem by Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986).

The Speaker of the House of Commons and the Lord Speaker are greeted at the East Gate by the Rector and conducted to the West Door.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the clergy enter. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

UBI caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Wheresoe'er abideth love and charity, there abideth God. The love of Christ hath gathered us into one. Let us therein exult and rejoice. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love one another in a perfect heart.

Maurice Duruflé (1902–86)

Antiphon at the foot-washing, Maundy Thursday

All remain standing. The Venerable Andrew Tremlett, Sub-Dean, Rector of St Margaret's and Archdeacon of Westminster, welcomes the congregation and gives

THE BIDDING

FOR more than four hundred years, Members of Parliament have come to pray here in St Margaret's Church, the Parish Church of the House of Commons, at times of national moment and personal commemoration.

We wish to God we were not here to mourn Jo Cox today; that Thursday's terrible events had never happened.

But as people of good faith, of unshakeable determination, and unswerving commitment to serve the people of this United Kingdom, we come here to offer our prayers and petitions, the pain of our hearts, and the cries of our souls, as we remember and pray for Jo Cox, Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen, for Brendan, and for their children.

Silence is kept

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6: 8

*All remain standing. The Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin,
Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, leads*

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, and the sins of our society.

GOD our Father, we belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but
ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others, and have not gone to their aid.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty, and failed to strive for justice.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as
ourselves.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

The Speaker's Chaplain gives

THE ABSOLUTION

MAY the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

THE HYMN



BE thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Slane 339 NEH
traditional Irish melody

Irish, c 8th century, translated by Mary Byrne (1880–1931)
and versified by Eleanor Hull (1860–1935)

All sit. The Right Honourable John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, reads

DEUTERONOMY 15: 7–11

IF there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, ‘The seventh year, the year of remission, is near’, and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, ‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.’

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.

*James Turle (1802–82)
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1831–82*

All remain seated. The Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead reads

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4–9

REJOICE in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE ADDRESS

by

The Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin
Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

I WOULD be true, for there are those that trust me.
I would be pure, for there are those that care.
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer.
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless.
I would be giving, and forget the gift,
I would be humble, for I know my weakness,
I would look up, laugh, love and live.

The Londonderry Air
Traditional Ulster Melody

Howard Arnold Walter (1883–1918)

The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Chaplain, The Right Reverend Christopher Foster, Duty Bishop in the House of Lords, and Canon Pat Browne, Roman Catholic Duty Priest in Parliament, lead

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

All kneel or remain seated.

RECEIVE, O Lord, in tranquillity and peace, the soul of thy servant, Jo. Grant her rest, and place her in the habitation of life, the abode of blessed spirits; and give her the life that knoweth not age, the good things that pass not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who mourn Jo's passing, especially her family, close friends and colleagues.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those causes closest to Jo's heart; for those who work with the poor, with refugees, and with all who are vulnerable.

OLORD, who though thou wast rich yet for our sakes didst become poor, and hast promised in thy Holy Gospel that whatsoever is done to the least, thou wilt receive as done to thee: give us grace, we humbly beseech thee, to be ever willing and ready to minister, as thou enablest us, to the needs of others, and to extend the blessings of thy kingdom over all the world; to thy praise and glory, who art God over all, blessed for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray for Her Majesty's Parliament, and especially the work of the House of Commons.

LORD, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but, laying aside all private interests and prejudices, keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. **Amen.**

Let us pray for ourselves, that we may be strengthened and encouraged for the tasks assigned to us.

GIVE us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag downwards; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir sings

THE KONTAKION FOR THE DEAD

GIVE rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Kiev melody

translated by W J Birkbeck (1869–1916)

The Chaplain concludes:

Let us offer these and all our prayers to the Father, saying together the words that Jesus 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.**

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Cwm Rhondda 368 NEH
John Hughes (1873–1932)*

*Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch
William Williams (1717–91)
translated by Peter Williams (1727–96) and others*

All remain standing. The Rector gives

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 fainthearted; 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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All remain standing as the clergy depart.

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.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)
Evening Service in G

St Luke 2: 29–32



There is a retiring collection in aid of Jo Cox's Fund.

JO COX'S FUND

In celebration and memory of Jo Cox, a fund has been established to support charities closest to her heart, chosen by her family:

The Royal Voluntary Service, to support volunteers helping to combat loneliness in Jo's constituency, Batley and Spen, in West Yorkshire.

HOPE not hate, who seek to challenge and defeat the politics of hate and extremism within local communities across Britain.

The White Helmets, who provide volunteer search and rescue workers in Syria. Unarmed and neutral, these heroes have saved more than 51,000 lives from under the rubble, and bring hope to the region.

In her husband Brendan's words:

‘Jo believed in a better world and she fought for it every day of her life with an energy, and a zest for life that would exhaust most people. She would have wanted two things above all else to happen now, one that our precious children are bathed in love and two, that we all unite to fight against the hatred that killed her.’

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