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The Service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.

The Cross of Westminster, Processional Candles, and Banners are borne by the Brotherhood of St Edward the Confessor, all of whose members are former Choristers of the Abbey. Five of the members of the Brotherhood at this Service were Choristers in 1947 and sang at the Wedding of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

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 Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist.

The fanfares are played by the State Trumpeters of the Band of The Blues and Royals, led by Trumpet Major G S Sewell-Jones, and by the Fanfare Trumpeters of the Band of the Scots Guards, directed by Lieutenant Colonel R J Owen.

Music before the Service:

Ashley Grote, Assistant Organist, plays:

Sonata No 2 Op 87a in B flat 'The Severn Suite'

- i. Introduction
- ii. Toccata
- iii. Fugue
- iv. Cadenza – Coda

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
arranged by Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

Sonata V BWV 529

Allegro – Largo – Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902-83)

Fantasy on St Columba

'The King of Love my Shepherd is'

Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

Jesus bleibet meine Freude

from Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben BWV 147

Johann Sebastian Bach

Bridal March

from The Birds of Aristophanes

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
arranged by Walter Alcock (1861-1947)

The Procession of Representatives of Faith Communities moves to the North Lantern. All remain seated.

Verger

Rabbi Mark Winer

Jewish

Rabbi Alan Plancey

Jewish

Imam Mohammed Raza

Muslim

Maulana Raza Shabbar

Muslim

Fidelma Meehan

Bahá'í

Dr Natubhai Shah

Jain

Dr Anil Bhanot

Hindu

Ervad Rustom Bhedwar

Zoroastrian

Dr Indarjit Singh

Sikh

The Venerable Bogoda Seelawimala

Buddhist

The Procession of the Clergy of the Royal Household, together with the Archbishop of York, moves to the Quire. All remain seated.

Verger

The Right Reverend David Conner

Dean of Windsor

The Reverend Prebendary William Scott

Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal

The Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch

Lord High Almoner

The Right Reverend Christopher Hill

Clerk of the Closet

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Richard Chartres

Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu

Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan

*The Procession of Representatives of the Churches of the United Kingdom moves to the Sacrarium.
All stand, then sit.*

Crucifer

Representing the Churches of England:

Verger

Commissioner Elizabeth Matear
Salvation Army

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor
Archbishop of Westminster

Bishop Nathan Hovhannisian
*Primate of the Armenian Church
of Great Britain*

Representing the Churches of Northern Ireland:

Verger

The Most Reverend Gerard Clifford
*representing the Archbishop of Armagh
Roman Catholic*

The Right Reverend Dr John Finlay
Moderator, Presbyterian Church in Ireland

The Most Reverend Alan Harper
*Archbishop of Armagh
Church of Ireland*

Representing the Churches of Scotland:

Verger

The Reverend Mary Buchanan
United Reformed Church

The Most Reverend Dr Idris Jones
*Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway
Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church*

The Most Reverend Mario Conti
*Archbishop of Glasgow
Roman Catholic*

Representing the Churches of Wales:

Verger

The Most Reverend Dr Barry Morgan
Archbishop of Wales, Church in Wales

The Reverend Martin Spain
Free Churches Moderator

The Most Reverend Peter Smith
*Archbishop of Cardiff
Roman Catholic*

A Detachment of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, and of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, enters the Abbey and moves to positions in the Nave. All remain seated.

The Lord Speaker, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Prime Minister, and the Lord Chancellor are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and are conducted to their places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Deputy High Steward, is received at the Great West Door, where she joins the Lay Officers of the Collegiate Body. All remain seated.

The Queen's Scholars of Westminster School move to places in the North Transept. All remain seated.

Members of the Royal Family are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and are conducted to their places in the South Lantern. All stand, then sit.

The Choir, The Queen's Almsmen, and the Lay Officers of the Collegiate Body move to places in the Nave and face the Great West Door. All remain seated.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

A fanfare is sounded. All stand.

Presentations are made.

THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION

Beadle

The Choir of Westminster Abbey

The Organist and Master of the Choristers

The Banner of St Peter the Apostle

The Queen's Almsmen

Verger

The Lay Officers of the Collegiate Body

The Banner of St Edward the Confessor

The Lord Hurd of Westwell

High Steward

Sir Roy Strong

High Bailiff

The Primatial Cross of Canterbury

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Rowan Williams
Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan

The Cross of Westminster and Lights

The Chaplain

The Succentor

The Canons' Verger

The Canons of Westminster

The Dean's Verger

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall

Dean of Westminster

His Royal Highness
The Duke of Edinburgh

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing. The Choir sings

THE INTROIT

WE wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.
O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia.
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.
O God send us now prosperity. Amen.

William McKie (1901-83)

Psalm 48: 8-9; 118: 25b

Organist of Westminster Abbey 1941-63

Composed for the Wedding of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, 20 November 1947

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession, together with
Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh,
moves to places in the South Lantern, Quire, and Sacrarium*

O PRAISE ye the Lord!
praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord,
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story
of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen, Amen.

Laudate Dominum 427 NEH

Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

after Psalm 150

from the Anthem Hear my words, ye people

Introductory fanfare by James O'Donnell (b 1961) after Parry

Last verse brass arrangement by Richard Barnes (b 1947)

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

THE BIDDING

“**G**OD is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.”

Welcome to the Collegiate Church of St Peter Westminster, where sixty years ago began the marriage of our Sovereign Lady The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

With them we give thanks to Almighty God that, as we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. We give thanks for God’s continuing blessing on their life together. With them we give thanks for the gift of children and grand-children. With all those celebrating long and happy years together we rejoice and give thanks to God.

So, let us pray for those preparing to give their troth either to other; for the newly married; for those who are bringing up children; for the upholding of these relationships of love in times of joy and sorrow; and that marriage might be hallowed to the praise of God’s holy name.

Let us complete these thanksgivings and prayers 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. The Right Reverend Sheilagh Kesting, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reads

ISAIAH 61: 8b-11

I WILL make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

All remain seated. The Choir sings

PSALM 67

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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.

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales reads

1 JOHN 4: 7-16

BELOVED, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

COME down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Down Ampney 137 NEH
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Italian, Bianco da Siena (d 1434)
translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-90)*

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Rowan Williams
Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THESE THREE

IF I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become a sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

Love rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I have been known.

But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Richard Rodney Bennett (b 1936)
Commissioned by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster for this Service*

from 1 Corinthians 13

The Reverend Graeme Napier, Minor Canon of Westminster, leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

All kneel or remain seated.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world; for confidence in God's love in restoring and renewing his creation.

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Most Reverend Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales:

Let us pray for the institution of marriage and for all who enter into life-long bonds of love and commitment.

ALMIGHTY God, we give thee hearty thanks for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, which is an honourable estate signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church. And we beseech thee that the giving of troths, and the making of vows one to another, may not by any be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in thy faith and fear: that children might be brought up in thy fear and nurture; that the natural instincts and affections, implanted by thee, should be hallowed and directed aright; and that the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, may be constant both in prosperity and adversity. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Commissioner Elizabeth Matear, Salvation Army:

Let us pray for Her Majesty and His Royal Highness; for their life together as husband and wife.

GOD of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless these thy servants, Elizabeth and Philip, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in thy holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them. And as thou didst send thy blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send thy blessing upon these thy servants; that they obeying thy will, and always being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Most Reverend Gerard Clifford, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh:

Let us pray for all Members of the Royal Family; for their service to this Nation, and for their well-being and happiness together.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reverend Mary Buchanan, United Reformed Church:

Let us pray for the family of the nations, for this United Kingdom and for the Commonwealth, and for our part in the coming of God's Kingdom on earth.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the King of kings and Lord of lords: guide, we pray thee, the destinies of this Nation and of the whole Commonwealth. Direct the counsels of our Queen and all in authority under her. Strengthen the resolve of our people; deepen the sense of unity among the members of this great family; and grant us grace that we may strive under thy banner for the establishment of righteousness and peace among the nations of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Minor Canon concludes:

All these our prayers and praises we offer to God our Heavenly Father, saying together:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we shew forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost
be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Choir: Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

All: My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Crimond 459 NEH
melody by Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-87)
descant by William Baird Ross (1871-1950)

Psalm 23
in Scottish Psalter 1650

All sit. Dame Judi Dench reads

DIAMOND WEDDING

LOVE found a voice and spoke two names aloud –
two private names, though breezed through public air –
and joined them in a life where duty spoke
in languages their tenderness could share,

A life remote from ours because it asked
each day, each action to be kept in view,
and yet familiar in the trust it placed
in human hearts, in hearts remaining true.

The years stacked up and as their weight increased
they pressed the stone of time to diamond,
immortal-mortal in its brilliant strength,
a jewel of earth where lightnings correspond.

Now every facet holds a picture-glimpse:
In some, the family faces and the chance
for ordinary talk and what-comes-next;
in others, shows of pomp and circumstance.

And here, today, the diamond proves itself
as something of our own yet not our own –
a blaze of trust, the oneness made of two;
the ornament and lodestar of the crown.

*Andrew Motion (b 1952)
Composed for this Service*

All stand. The Choir sings

DEUS CARITAS

GOD is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

*James O'Donnell, after the plainsong antiphon, Ubi caritas et amor
Composed for this Service*

1 John 4: 16

The Archbishop stands before Her Majesty and His Royal Highness and says:

ALMIGHTY God, the God of promise and of faithfulness, who has led you together through so many years, renew in your hearts today the promises you have made to one another, and the sharing of your hope and joy; may he make your lives a sign of his own faithful love; may he strengthen and inspire the service you offer to the whole community of this nation and Commonwealth; may his living Word continue to transform and guide you and all whom you love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All remain standing. The Choir sings

THE AARONIC BLESSING

THE Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

John Rutter (b 1945)

Numbers 6: 24-26

The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GOD 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, eternal life, 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 to 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.

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!

*from Thesaurus Musicus c1743
arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

All remain standing as the Collegiate Procession, together with Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, and other Members of the Royal Family, moves to the West end of the Church.

The Dean invites Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to view the Abbey's Register, in which the registration of their Wedding on 20 November 1947 is displayed.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness meet couples who share the same Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Music after the Service:

Toccata in F BuxWV 156

Dietrich Buxtehude (c1637-1707)

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

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung by the Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers to a Peal of London (No 3) Surprise Royal comprising 5060 changes.