

Westminster Abbey



Evensong

celebrating the Feast of the Dedication of
Westminster Abbey
in the presence of
The Lord Mayor of Westminster
and the Mayors of the London Boroughs



The London Mayors' Association

Sunday 15th October 2017

3.00 pm

THE LONDON MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

On 4th December 1900, the then Mayor of the City of Westminster, His Grace The Duke of Norfolk KG, called together a meeting of all the Mayors of the Metropolitan Boroughs (the inner London Boroughs), the object being to discuss matters of ceremonial procedure with a view to uniformity being adopted by all the Mayors of the Metropolitan Boroughs. Subsequently, in early 1901, the Metropolitan Mayors' and Ex-Mayors' Association was formed by the Mayor of Westminster with the purpose of promoting discussion of general matters affecting the Metropolis and to enable Mayors and former Mayors to meet on a social basis.

In 1965 with the re-organisation of Local Government in London, the Mayors and former Mayors of all thirty-one Boroughs were entitled to join as were the Lord Mayors and former Lord Mayors of the City of London and of the City of Westminster. Under the revised constitution of the Association the Lord Mayor of Westminster is now automatically the President. A former Mayor or Lord Mayor is however elected as Chairman of the Association.

The Association comprises over 700 members and is non-party political. It arranges a variety of events throughout the year including this annual service in Westminster Abbey; a walk following the footsteps of Dick Whittington, a former Lord Mayor of London, from Highgate Hill to the Mansion House; a visit to a foreign capital city; lunches for visiting Mayors from abroad and dinners for Ambassadors and High Commissioners to the Court of St James as well as an Annual Gala Dinner.

The London Mayors' Association is delighted that Kenneth Olisa OBE, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, has agreed to read the first lesson at today's service.

More details about the London Mayors' Association can be found at
www.londonmayors.org.uk

President: The Lord Mayor of Westminster

Chairman: Clare Whelan OBE DL

BISHOP AT LAMBETH

The Bishop at Lambeth has numerous responsibilities, many of them relating to episcopal jurisdictions otherwise reserved to the Archbishop of Canterbury. A key aide and advisor to the Archbishop, the Bishop at Lambeth acts as the principal liaison between the bishops of the Church of England and its primate, as well as helping to coordinate ecumenical relations with other churches. It has been recent custom that the Bishop at Lambeth is also Bishop to Her Majesty's Forces and Bishop for the Falkland Islands, so Bishop Tim also manages ministry to the military, and has oversight of the Anglican community in the Falkland Islands.

TODAY'S SERVICE

This service is incorporated in the regular Abbey service of Evensong, which follows the custom of churches with a great choral tradition, where much of the service is sung by the choir alone. In those parts the congregation is invited to make its offering of praise by responding to the beauty of the choir's music

After an opening hymn and welcome by the Dean the service continues with responses sung by the officiant and choir. The roots of the Christian faith in the Old Testament are acknowledged by the singing of a Psalm and the reading of the first lesson from the Old Testament. The choir then sings Magnificat, the song of the Virgin Mary when she had received the promise of the birth of Jesus. The second lesson is from the New Testament, to which the choir responds by singing *Nunc dimittis*, the Song of Simeon, when he saw the child Jesus and recognized in him the fulfilment of the promises to Israel. After an affirmation of faith in the Apostles' Creed there are further sung prayers. This ends the formal service of Evensong. There follow an anthem, hymns sung by all, prayers, and a sermon, which are more directly addressed to this particular occasion.

This is a specifically Christian service in the Anglican tradition, as are all services in Westminster Abbey, but it is hoped that members of other Christian bodies, those of other faiths, and all those of good will who are dedicated to the service of their fellow citizens will be able to find in it something that speaks to them and supports their aspirations.

THE DEDICATION OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

St Edward the Confessor, King of England from 1042 to 1066, re-endowed the Benedictine monastery of Westminster and built a large Romanesque church for the monastic community. That building was dedicated on 28th December 1065. St Edward died shortly after the dedication. He was canonised in 1161 and on 13th October 1163 his body was moved, or 'translated', to a new tomb in the church which he had built.

St Edward's Romanesque church survived until the 13th century, when it was replaced by a new church in the Gothic style built by Henry III: the building in which we now worship. A new shrine was constructed for the body of St Edward, and the translation of his relics to this shrine was an integral part of the liturgy of the dedication of this new church on 13th October 1269. The October date was chosen for the dedication because it was already established as the Feast of the Translation of St Edward. St Edward's relics remain in that same shrine, which is behind the High Altar.

At the Abbey we keep the feast of the Translation of St Edward on 13th October, a celebration which focuses on the life of the saint. We keep the Feast of the Dedication of Westminster Abbey, focusing on the building as a sacred space, on the following Sunday.

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 Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

Music before the service, played by Benjamin Cunningham, Organ Scholar:

Urbs Jerusalem *Jean Titelouze (c 1562–1633)*

Coelestis urbs Jerusalem *Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*
from Le tombeau de Titelouze Op 38

La cathédrale engloutie *Claude Debussy (1862–1918)*
arranged by Léon Roques (1839–1923)

The Chairman of the London Mayors' Association is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to her place in Quire. All remain seated.

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his place in Quire. All remain seated.

The procession of the Mayors of the London Boroughs, together with The Lord Mayor of Westminster in Civic State, enters the Abbey Church and moves to places in Quire. All stand, and then sit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain seated. From the Nave the choir sings

THE INTROIT

LOCUS iste a Deo factus est, inaeſtimabile ſacramentum:
irreprehensibilis eſt.

*This place was made by God: a priceless and unblemished ſign of his
preſence.*

Anton Bruckner (1824–96)

Gradual, Maſs for the dedication of a church

All ſtand to ſing

THE HYMN

*during which the choir and clergy move to places in Quire
and the Sacrarium*



CHRIſT is made the ſure foundation,
and the precious corner-ſtone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
holy Zion’s help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
ſinging everlaſtingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,
 come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
 hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
 shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
 what they supplicate to gain;
here to have and hold for ever,
 those good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter, in thy glory,
 with thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father;
 laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
 ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
 while unending ages run. Amen.

Westminster Abbey 205 NEH
Henry Purcell (1659–95)
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679–95

Angularis fundamentum
part II of Urbs beata Jerusalem c 7th century
translated by John Mason Neale (1818–66)

All remain standing for

THE WELCOME

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall
Dean of Westminster

*All remain standing. The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and
Precentor, and the 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.
The Lord's name be praised.

Philip Radcliffe (1905–86)

All sit. The choir sings

PSALM 48

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God,
even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth : upon the
north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her
palaces as a sure refuge.
For lo, the kings of the earth : are gathered, and gone by together.
They marvelled to see such things : they were astonished, and suddenly
cast down.
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow : as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in
the city of our God : God upholdeth the same for ever.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end : thy
right hand is full of righteousness.
Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad : because of
thy judgements.
Walk about Sion, and go round about her : and tell the towers thereof.
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses : that ye may tell them that come
after.
For this God is our God for ever and ever : he shall be our guide unto death.

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

All sit. Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Mr Kenneth Olisa OBE, reads

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 7: 1–11

All stand. The choir sings

MAGNIFICAT

during which the high altar is censed

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.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924) in C

St Luke 1: 46–55

All sit. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Ian Adams, reads

THE SECOND LESSON

St Luke 19: 29–end

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.

Charles Villiers Stanford in C

St Luke 2: 29–32

All remain standing and face east to say

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 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE RESPONSES

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 COLLECTS

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

ALMIGHTY God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer; we praise thee for the many blessings thou hast given to those who worship thee here: and we pray that all who seek thee in this place may find thee, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son 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.

Philip Radcliffe

THE PRAYERS

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

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.**

God save our Gracious Sovereign, and all the Brotherhood of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath living and departed. **Amen.**

All sit. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

LO! God is here! let us adore
And own how dreadful is this place!
Let all within us feel his power,
And silent bow before his face.
Who know his power, his grace who prove,
Serve him with awe, with rev'ence love.

Lo! God is here! Him day and night
The united choirs of Angels sing;
To him, enthron'd above all height,
Heaven's hosts their noblest praises bring;
Disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,
Who praise thee with a stammering tongue.

Being of all beings! may our praise
Thy courts with grateful fragrance fill.
Still may we stand before thy face,
Still hear and do thy sovereign will.
To thee may all our thoughts arise
Ceaseless, accepted Sacrifice.

Interpolated verses from the Psalms:

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.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be always praising thee.
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.

Philip Moore (b 1943)

Gott ist gegenwärtig *Gerhard Tersteegen (1697–1769)*
translated by John Wesley (1703–91)
and Psalm 84: 1–2, 4, 8–9

All kneel or remain seated for

THE INTERCESSIONS

at the end of which all say:

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



YE that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a Corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace, and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Rustington 477 NEH
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Cyril Alington (1872–1955)

THE SERMON

by

The Right Reverend Tim Thornton
Bishop at Lambeth

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

*during which a collection is taken; the money from today's service
will be given to The Lord Mayor's Charities:
Social Mobility Foundation's Westminster Initiative
and Age UK Westminster*



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!
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!
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!
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
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)
from Hear my words, ye people

Henry Baker (1821–77)
after Psalm 150

All remain standing for

THE BLESSING

Music after the service:

Te Deum

Jean Langlais (1907–91)

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung

**Members of the congregation are kindly requested to remain
in their places until invited to move by the Stewards**

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