

Westminster Abbey



Service

attended by
the Lord Chancellor
and Secretary of State for Justice,
the Lord Chief Justice,
the Justices of the Supreme Court,
and other Judges and Members
of the Legal Profession

Monday 3rd October 2016
11.30 am

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, directed by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

*Fantasia super Komm, Heiliger Geist,
Herre Gott BWV 651*

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)*

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand for the Procession.

All sit when the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, the Heads of Divisions, and the Justices of the Supreme Court have taken their seats. The remaining members of the procession enter, taking their seats upon reaching their places.

All stand as the Collegiate Procession moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium.

All remain standing. The Choir sings

THE INTROIT

O NATA lux de lumine Jesu Redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.	<i>O Light born of light, Jesus Redeemer of the world: deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises of those who kneel before you.</i>
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Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis, nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.	<i>You who once deigned to take flesh for the sake of those who were lost: make us members of your blessed body.</i>
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*Thomas Tallis (c 1505–85)
Cantiones sacrae 1575*

anonymous, 10th century

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

THE BIDDING

AT the beginning of the legal year, we gather in the presence of almighty God, who is the judge of all and who knows the secrets of our hearts, to renew our commitment to the service of the Crown and of all the people in the cause of justice.

We acknowledge our high calling to reflect the justice and mercy of God. We seek God's strength and guidance that we might remain true to the highest legal traditions, subtle as we apply ourselves to the causes before us, and wise as we influence the development of the law.

We pray for the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, The Right Honourable Liz Truss MP, for The Right Honourable The Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and for all who administer the law, both in the United Kingdom and in the European Union, and in the other legal jurisdictions represented here today.

We ask God to sustain us in our duties, to grant us humility and sound judgement, to forgive our errors, and to inspire us in our service. Here on earth may we serve more faithfully that heavenly justice in which alone we can in the end trust.

So let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom on earth, saying, as 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 sit. The Right Honourable Liz Truss MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, reads

DEUTERONOMY 6: 17–25

YOU must diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his decrees, and his statutes that he has commanded you. Do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may go in and occupy the good land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you, thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry
with the richness of thy word:
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

*Rhuddlan 490 NEH
from Edward Jones'*

Musical Relicks of Welsh Bards 1800

Henry Holland (1847–1918)

*All sit. The Right Honourable The Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Lord
Chief Justice of England and Wales, reads*

ST MATTHEW 5: 17–20

DO not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

OBE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.

William Walton (1902-83)

Psalm 100

All remain seated for

THE SERMON

by

The Reverend Jane Sinclair
Canon of Westminster and
Rector of St Margaret's Church

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



HE who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

Monk's Gate 372 NEH
adapted from an English folk song
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

from The Pilgrim's Progress
John Bunyan (1628–88)
adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

All sit or kneel. The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot, Minor Canon and Sacrist of Westminster, leads

THE PRAYERS

LET us pray for this United Kingdom, for its unity, peace, and concord; for Elizabeth our Queen, and for all members of the Royal Family; for both houses of Parliament, and all who bear responsibility in the ordering of our society; that justice, truth, and integrity may direct our common life.

Lord, in thy mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Right Reverend Michael Doe, Preacher of Gray's Inn, says:

LET us remember the victims of crime and its perpetrators in this and every nation; prisoners, both those convicted and those on remand; and let us pray for all who live in anxiety or fear; that wisdom, righteousness, and charity might heal the brokenness of communities torn apart by violence or hatred.

Lord, in thy mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Reverend Mark Hatcher, Reader of The Temple, says:

LET us pray for all who administer justice in this realm; for all judges and the tribunals judiciary, magistrates, jurors, and ombudsmen; for clerks and court officials; for barristers, solicitors, chartered legal executives, and all whose profession or expertise is the law. Let us pray for the police, the armed forces, the probation and the prison services, and those who sustain order in our land; that our nation may live in peace and security.

Lord, in thy mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Reverend Derek Watson, Preacher of Lincoln's Inn, says:

LET us pray for all the nations of the European Union; for all who make and administer law within their legal jurisdictions; and the for those who labour in the field of European law; that every nation may be maintained in righteousness and justice.

Lord, in thy mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Reverend Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of the Temple, says:

O GOD, the just and merciful Judge of all mankind, look down from heaven, we beseech thee, on these thy servants, who are set by thy appointment to minister justice in this land. Grant unto them thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of uprightness, the Spirit of discernment and the Spirit of love, that they may boldly, discreetly, and mercifully fulfil their sacred duties, to the good of thy people and the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Right Reverend John Wilson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, says:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose word alone lights the paths of justice, send down upon our judges the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **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 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, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All 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.

All remain standing as the Procession leaves.

Music after the service:

Triumphal Song for Organ

Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)

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