

Westminster Abbey



The Interment of Ashes of
The Very Reverend
Dr Wesley Carr KCVO

26th July 1941–15th July 2017

Dean of Westminster 1997–2006

Tuesday 24th April 2018
6.00 pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

The Dean says:

GRACE, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Though we are dust and ashes, God has prepared for those who love him a heavenly dwelling place. At his funeral we commended Wesley into the hands of almighty God. As we prepare now to commit his remains to the earth, we entrust ourselves and all who love God to his loving care.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

1 St Peter 1: 3-4

All say

THE PSALM

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.

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.

Psalm 84

Natalie Carr reads

THE READING

SOMEONE will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15: 35–38, 42–44a

Thanks be to God.

The Dean says

THE COMMITTAL

WE have entrusted our brother Wesley to God’s mercy, and we now commit his mortal remains to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our frail bodies that they may be conformed to his glorious body, who died, was buried, and rose again for us. To him be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dean leads

THE PRAYERS

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

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.**

HEAVENLY Father, we thank you for all those whom we love but see no longer. As we remember Wesley in this place, hold before us our beginning and our ending, the dust from which we come and the death to which we move, with a firm hope in your eternal love and purposes for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ETERNAL God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with Wesley and all the faithful departed the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SUPPORT us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublesome life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GOD grant you his comfort and peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**