

Westminster Abbey



A Service of Commemoration
and Thanksgiving
to mark ANZAC Day



Wednesday 25th April 2018

Noon

HISTORICAL NOTE

This year marks the 103rd anniversary of the landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25th April 1915. At Gallipoli, Australian and New Zealand forces fought for the first time under a united command as the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, or, more famously, the ANZACs.

The Gallipoli campaign exacted a heavy toll on both sides. Some 50,000 Allied troops from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, France, Canada, Newfoundland, and India lost their lives. Including those wounded or evacuated for sickness, the total number of Allied casualties numbered around 250,000. The Turkish forces lost over 86,000 in addition to those wounded.

By April 1918, Operation Michael, which launched the German Spring Offensive in late March 1918, had cost nearly 255,000 Allied lives, with three further offensives to come before July was over, and heavy losses sustained on both sides. Most notable for Australian troops was the month-long defence, then loss and re-taking, of Villers-Bretonneux on 25th April 1918 itself. The Australians counter-attacked at night, across open ground, and retook the village. British Brigadier General Grogan VC called the victory at Villers-Bretonneux ‘perhaps the greatest individual feat of the war’. Although the tide of war would soon shift in the Allies’ favour, fighting was to continue right up until the Armistice was signed on 11th November 1918, evidenced by the battle of Le Quesnoy on 4th November, at which New Zealand troops liberated the town which had been held by the Germans since 1914.

In both countries, ANZAC Day, 25th April, not only commemorates those first landings at Gallipoli, but also all wars and conflicts in which Australians and New Zealanders have served, and we especially remember those who have given their lives in the service of their countries.



*President Raymond Poincaré inspects the New Zealand Division after the liberation of Le Quesnoy on 4th November 1918. He was so impressed by the action, in which the Division took care to avoid harming the civilian population and the historic architecture, that he drove from Paris to express his gratitude to the New Zealand soldiers.
Courtesy of the National Archives of France.*



*Night attack by 13th Brigade on Villers-Bretonneux
Will Longstaff (1879–1953), oil on canvas, 108 x 184 cm, London, 1919, ART03028,
courtesy of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra*

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

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

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

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

The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

The Fanfare Trumpeters from the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, directed by Major Ian Davis, perform by kind permission of Major-General Charlie Strickland OBE, Commandant General Royal Marines.

The New Zealand flag is borne by Staff Sergeant Kevin Cowsill.

The Australian flag is borne by Warrant Officer Two Richard Rickerby.

The Turkish flag is borne by Staff Sergeant Ozan Süslü.

The flag of the United Kingdom is borne by Warrant Officer One Trevor Starkey.

Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

Grave—Adagio *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*
from Sonata in C minor Op 65 no 2

Andante espressivo *from Sonata in G Op 28 Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

The St Andrew's Cathedral School Choir, Sydney, directed by Ralph Wilcock and Andrea Kuburic, sings:

Hymn *from 'Better is Peace' Karl Jenkins (b 1944)*
from The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

Os justi meditabitur *Anton Bruckner (1824–96)*

Crossing the Bar *Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

Salvation is Created *Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877–1944)*

The Road Home *Southern Harmony 1835*
adapted by Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Earth Song *Frank Ticheli (b 1958)*

Open thou mine eyes *John Rutter (b 1945)*

The Assistant Organist plays:

Elegy *George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)*

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross BWV 622 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685–1750)

His Excellency Abdurrahman Bilgiç, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the Court of St James's, 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.

His Excellency The High Commissioner for New Zealand and His Excellency The High Commissioner for Australia are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made. All stand as he is conducted to his place in Quire, and then sit.

All stand.

His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales and Ms Meghan Markle are received at the Great West Gate by the Dean and Sub-Dean of Westminster.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing as the procession, together with His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales and Ms Meghan Markle, moves to places in Quire and the Sacramentum.

All remain standing for

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.

arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

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

THE BIDDING

THE landing of allied forces at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915 led to one of the bloodiest battles of the First World War. Australian and New Zealand forces joined together for the first time, and a new word entered the language: ANZAC. Remembering that so many died, we honour the bravery and determination of the men at Gallipoli.

The memory of what became known as *The Great War* is with us as a warning and an encouragement. We are warned that war involves suffering and death; we are encouraged by the spirit of national pride shown by the soldiers we remember this ANZAC Day.

As the Union Flag and the flags of Australia and New Zealand are presented at the High Altar with the flag of Turkey in a sign of the reconciliation of old enemies, let us renew our own commitment to the causes of justice and peace throughout the world.

We keep silence as we come into the presence of God.

Silence is kept.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne: steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.

Psalm 89: 14

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

*during which the flags of New Zealand, Australia, Turkey,
and the United Kingdom are borne through
the Abbey Church and placed in the Sacrarium*



O VALIANT hearts, who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,
as who had heard God's message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
to save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
into the light that never more shall fade;
deep your contentment in that blest abode,
who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
while in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
commits her children to thy gracious hand.

The Supreme Sacrifice
Charles Harris (1865–1936)

John Arkwright (1872–1954)

All sit. His Excellency Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae GNZM QSO KStJ, High Commissioner for New Zealand, reads from the Nave Pulpit

THE FIRST READING

IN days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.
For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
for ever and ever.

Micah 4: 1-5

The choir sings

THE PSALM

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land :
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people :
and covered all their sins.
Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure :
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
Turn us then, O God our Saviour :
and let thine anger cease from us.
Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever :
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us :
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
Shew us thy mercy, O Lord :
and grant us thy salvation.
I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me :
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,
that they turn not again.
For his salvation is nigh them that fear him :
that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together :
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth :
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness :
and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him :
and he shall direct his going in the way.

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 Lloyd (1849–1919)

Psalm 85

His Excellency The Honourable Alexander Downer AC, High Commissioner for Australia, reads from the Great Lectern

THE SECOND READING

AS the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

St John 15: 9-17

THE ADDRESS

by

The Dean

The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

*during which Catherine Taylor and Rafael Cossins,
young citizens of New Zealand and of Australia,
present wreaths to their High Commissioners*

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them,
and they shall be his people:
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

Revelation 21: 1-4

All stand for

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Last Post is sounded.

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, says:

As we hear the words inscribed on the memorial at ANZAC Cove in the Dardanelles, let us recall with gratitude all who fought and lost their lives at Gallipoli.

His Excellency Abdurrahman Bilgiç, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the Court of St James's, says:

THOSE heroes that shed their blood
and lost their lives...
you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.
Therefore rest in peace.
There is no difference between the Johnnies
and the Mehments to us where they lie side by side
here in this country of ours...
You, the mothers,
who sent their sons from far away countries
wipe away your tears;
your sons are now lying in our bosom
and are in peace.
After having lost their lives on this land they have
become our sons as well.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1881–1938)

The choir sings:

WHEN you go home, tell them of us and say:
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

*Chris Chivers (b 1967)
Minor Canon of Westminster 2001–05*

*Kohima Epitaph, adapted from Simonides (556–468 BC)
by John Maxwell Edmonds (1875–1958)*

The Precentor continues:

THEY shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

*from For the Fallen
Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)*

*All say: **We will remember them.***

Reveille is sounded.

All remain standing for

THE HYMN



Ngāti Rānana, London Māori Club sings:

W HAKAARIA mai tōu rīpeka ki au, tiahō mai ra roto i te pō hei kona au titiro atu ai. Ora, mate, hei au koe noho ai.	<i>Reveal unto me your crucifix, which shines in the darkness; to that place near you I look, in life, in death, with me you stay.</i>
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All sing: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

How Great Thou Art
Swedish folk melody

Russian hymn
translated by Stuart K Hine

The Precentor leads

THE PRAYERS

LET us pray for our nations and their leaders, for the Commonwealth, and for peace and goodwill between all people.

All kneel or sit.

Young citizens of New Zealand and Australia continue the prayers.

Guy Walsh says:

LET us pray for Her Majesty The Queen, for the Governors General of Australia and New Zealand, and for all who govern the nations of the world: that they may pursue justice and peace, and inspire us to live more happily together.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Hunter Smith says:

LET us pray for the Church throughout the world, and for all people of faith and goodwill: that we may, through our words and actions, be faithful to God's gracious will towards his children.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Luke Jack says:

LET us pray for peoples and places torn apart by persecution, war, and famine, and for those who live with the threat of violence and terror: that hatred may be turned to peace.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Jaya Ayyalaraju says:

LET us pray for men, women, and children who have been driven from their homes and homelands, and for all who seek a better life: that through our kindness and generosity they may be welcomed as Christ.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Josie Alexander says:

LET us pray for veterans of war, for members of the Armed Forces currently serving around the world, and for all who suffer, in body and in mind, the effects of armed conflict: that new life may spring forth out of the depths of darkness and pain.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Amelia Rose says:

LET us pray with thanksgiving for those who have given their lives for the sake of our freedom, and for those who continue the work of making and keeping peace: that the innocent, the weak, and those easily forgotten may be preserved.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Frankie Burgin McKinlay says:

LET us pray with gratitude for the bravery and self-sacrifice of our allies in the First World War, in particular for the forces of the British Crown: that we may continue, within the Commonwealth and the whole family of nations, to pursue all that makes for peace.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Thea Reinhardt says:

LET us pray for ourselves, that today's commemoration may be for us a powerful reminder of the responsibilities we bear as citizens of Australia and New Zealand to our countries and to all people.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Reverend Anthony Ball, Canon in Residence, concludes:

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence in the words our risen Saviour has given 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



GOD of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far flung battle line,
beneath whose awful hand we hold
dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
lest we forget—lest we forget!

The St Andrew's Cathedral School Choir, Sydney, sings:

The tumult and the shouting dies;
the captains and the kings depart:
still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
an humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
lest we forget—lest we forget!

All sing:

Far called, our navies melt away;
on dune and headland sinks the fire:
lo, all our pomp of yesterday
is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
in reeking tube and iron shard,
all valiant dust that builds on dust,
and guarding, calls not thee to guard,
for frantic boast and foolish word—
thy mercy on thy people, Lord!

*Melita 354 NEH
John Dykes (1823–76)*

Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

MAY God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A fanfare is sounded. The flags are returned to their bearers.

All remain standing to sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA



AUSTRALIANS all, let us rejoice for we are young and free,
we've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea;
our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
in history's page let every stage advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing: 'Advance Australia Fair!'

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF NEW ZEALAND

first in Māori, then in English



EIHOWĀ Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarongona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai Aotearoa.

God of Nations, at thy feet,
in the bonds of love we meet,
hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

All remain standing as the procession, together with His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales and Ms Meghan Markle, moves to the west end of the church.

Music after the service:

Allegro moderato e serio
from Sonata in F minor Op 65 no 1

Felix Mendelssohn

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to remain in their seats until directed to move by the Honorary Stewards

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Skillforce

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