

Westminster Abbey



A Service to Commemorate the Life of Florence Nightingale



Wednesday 9th May 2018
6.30 pm

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The Florence Nightingale Foundation is a living memorial to Florence Nightingale. The Foundation is committed to providing nurse and midwife leadership development programmes aimed at improving patient care and health outcomes. Our selection process is rigorous, ensuring that those offered a scholarship are the very best at what they do. We will continue to develop the leaders of the future and will partner with the very best organisations to deliver these. We will support nursing and midwifery clinical researchers and our Clinical Professors to lead and generate new knowledge to underpin best practice.

The service is held annually as close as possible to 12th May, to commemorate Florence Nightingale's birthday, now International Nurses' Day.

PROCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICE

The Adjutant and Chelsea Pensioners process. Their participation is in memory of, and in gratitude to, Florence Nightingale for her care of the troops, their predecessors, during the Crimean Campaign.

The Officers who process represent the Florence Nightingale Foundation. They embody the traditional link between nurses and voluntary lay people who work together in a charitable context to develop and advance the practice of nursing and midwifery for the benefit of all those who need healthcare. Their endeavours pay constant tribute to the inspiration and example of Florence Nightingale and her great achievements.

The Officers of the Foundation are: Sir Robert Francis QC, Patron; The Baroness Watkins of Tavistock, President; The Right Honourable The Lord Remnant CVO, Bryan Wilson, and Theo Noel Smith, Vice-Presidents; Bryan Sanderson CBE, Chairman; Andrew Andrews MBE, Vice-Chairman; Dr Colin Reeves CBE, Treasurer; Mary Spinks CBE; and Geoffrey Walker OBE, Honorary Vice-Presidents.

The Master and Wardens of the Guild of Nurses process. Forming a Guild of Nurses is the first stage in becoming a City of London Livery Company. Florence Nightingale was awarded Honorary Freedom of the City of London, the highest honour the City can bestow, and the Guild represent this.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation Clinical Professors of Nursing process. Their participation exemplifies Florence Nightingale's use of research to impact on national and international policy and practice to improve health and wellbeing for both patients and the public.

They are represented by Professor Natalie Pattison, Clinical Professor of Nursing, University of Hertfordshire and East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust; Professor Bridget Johnston, Clinical Professor of Nursing, University of Glasgow and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Professor Candy McCabe, Clinical Professor of Nursing, University of the West of England and Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Professor Christi Deaton, Clinical Professor of Nursing, University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine and Cambridge University Hospital; Professor Vivien Coates, Clinical Professor of Nursing, Ulster University and Western Health and Social Care Trust; Professor Michelle Briggs, Clinical Professor of Nursing, Division of Nursing, Midwifery, and Social Work, University of Manchester; Professor Christine Norton, Clinical Professor of Nursing, Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, King's College London; and Professor Fiona Nolan, Clinical Professor of Nursing, University of Essex School of Health and Social Care.

The Nurses' Roll of Honour was compiled by the British Commonwealth Nurses' War Memorial Fund and is kept in the Florence Nightingale Chapel in the North Ambulatory of Westminster Abbey, which can be visited at any time on request to the Vergers. The Bearer of the Roll, who this year will be Corporal Zoe Wark RN(A) Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, is escorted by the three Matrons-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The Matrons-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Armed Forces are: Captain Steven Spencer QHNS, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, Head of Naval Nursing Service; Colonel Alison McCourt OBE ARRC QHN, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corp, Chief Nursing Officer (Army); and Group Captain Michael Priestley QHN, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, Director of Nursing Service (RAF).

Florence Nightingale became known as 'The Lady with the Lamp' during her work in the Crimea, where she conducted her night rounds caring for wounded soldiers while holding a lantern. The Lamp has become an international symbol of nursing. The Lamp used in this service was given by Sir Dan Mason OBE in memory of his mother, Kathleen Dampier-Bennett, and is kept in the Florence Nightingale Chapel here in Westminster Abbey. This year the Lamp will be carried by Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Joanna Poole. The Lamp party will be escorted by student nurses and midwives from the University of Plymouth.

On arrival before the High Altar, the Lamp will be handed to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Valentine Chiguvare. He will pass the Lamp to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Wendy Webb. This represents the transmission of knowledge from one nurse to another and highlights the diversity of care given by nurses for the benefit of humanity.

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

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

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 Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

Before the service, Benjamin Cunningham, Organ Scholar, plays:

Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Psalm Prelude Set 1 no 3 *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*
*‘Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death’*

Consolation IV ‘Quasi adagio’ *Franz Liszt (1811–86)*

Chant de Paix *Jean Langlais (1907–91)*

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The Adjutant and Chelsea Pensioners move from the west end of the Abbey Church to their places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

The Honorary Officers of The Florence Nightingale Foundation move to their places in Quire. All remain seated.

The Guild of Nurses move to their places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation Chairs in Clinical Nursing Practice Research move to their places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Deputy High Steward, Councillor Ian Adams, 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.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, The Honourable Lady Ogilvy, is received at the West Gate by the Dean. Presentations are made.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

ALmighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1623–25*

Collect for the third Sunday after Epiphany

All sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession
moves to places in Quire, the Lantern, and the Sacrament*



MINE eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:

his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Our God is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps:
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
his day is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
His day is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
While God is marching on.

*Battle-Hymn of the Republic 242 H&P
traditional American melody
collected and edited by William Steffe (1830–90)*

Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

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

THE BIDDING

WELCOME to Westminster Abbey, which has seen so many occasions of joy and sorrow and remembrance. We come into the presence of almighty God to offer our worship, praise, and thanksgiving. In particular, we thank God for Florence Nightingale; for her enterprise and heroism, and for the example she has left us.

We pray that her ideals of compassion, quality of care, and training may continue to inspire and sustain nurses everywhere. We praise God for all those nurses who, like her, have carried the lamp of healing into the dark places of our world.

Let us prepare to hear and receive God's holy word and to bring before God the needs of our world. Let us remember with pride the vocation we have each received, and prepare to dedicate ourselves anew to the service of all in need.

*All sit. Professor Jean White CBE, Chief Nursing Officer for Wales, reads
from the Great Lection*

THE FIRST READING

THUS says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

Isaiah 43: 1–4

The choir sings

THE MOTET

IF ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever;
even the Spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis (c 1505–85)

St John 14: 15–17a

Professor Bridie Kent, Interim Executive Dean, Faculty of Health and Human Sciences, University of Plymouth, reads from the Nave Pulpit

THE SECOND READING

JESUS said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ”

St Matthew 25: 31–40

All remain standing for

THE PROCESSION OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR

The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Sacrist, says:

LET us remember those nurses and midwives who answered God's call and gave their lives in the Second World War while caring for the sick and wounded, whose names are recorded in the Nurses' Roll of Honour, and those who have given their lives in subsequent conflicts.

The British Commonwealth Nurses' Roll of Honour is borne in silence from the Grave of the Unknown Warrior through the Nave to the Sacrarium.

The Bearer of the Roll, Corporal Zoe Wark RN(A) PMRAFNS (RAF), is escorted by the three Matrons-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The Roll of Honour is received by the Dean and placed near the High Altar.

The Dean says:

Let us pray.

GOD our Father, we praise your holy name for all who lived and died in the service of others and are now at rest in Christ. Their example has encouraged us, their witness has inspired us, and the memory of them makes us glad today. For them all we thank you, we honour and we worship you, as they do now by your grace and in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

THE HYMN



I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.’
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Kingsfold 376 NEH
traditional melody

Horatius Bonar (1808–89)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

Sister Frances Dominica ASSP DL

All remain seated for

THE PROCESSION OF THE LAMP

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All stand. The Sacrist says:

Let us dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of those who need our care today.

All say together:

**May this lamp signify
our sacred calling to serve the sick and injured,
which was heard and answered by Florence Nightingale,
passed on from generation to generation,
and received with gladness and humility by us today.**

The Dean says:

Jesus said, 'Like the lamp, you must shed light among your fellows, so that, when they see the good you do, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.'

St Matthew 5: 16

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Father of lights, from you comes every good and perfect gift: we thank you for Florence Nightingale and for her vision, courage, and compassion, of which this Lamp is the undying symbol. Kindle our hearts, we pray, by the fire of your Holy Spirit, so that we may shine for you in the darkness of human suffering and sorrow; through him who is the light of the world, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All sit. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

THE Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;
and he that is wise will not abhor them.
And he hath given men skill,
that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.
My son, in thy sickness
leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright,
and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Strengthen ye the weak hands,
and confirm the feeble knees.
Say to them that are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, fear not:
behold, your God will come;
he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing:
for in the wilderness shall waters break out,
and streams in the desert.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them;
and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
It shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing:
the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,
they shall see the glory of the Lord
and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands,
and confirm the feeble knees.
Say to them that are of a fearful heart,
Be strong, fear not:
behold, your God will come;
he will come and save you.

O Saviour of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Strengthen Ye the Weak Hands
William Harris (1883–1973)

*Ecclesiasticus 38: 4, 6, 9a, 10; Isaiah 35: 3–6, 1–2
and acclamation at the Liturgy of Good Friday*

The Sacrist leads

THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to God our Father, whose Son came that we might have life.

All kneel or remain seated.

HEAVENLY Father, we give you thanks for the life and work of Florence Nightingale, and for those she has inspired to serve with care and compassion. We pray for the continued work of The Florence Nightingale Foundation, and for its scholars, that they may continue their significant contribution to clinical care.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon Messent, Director, Alexandra (provider of nurses' uniforms), says:

WE give you thanks for all who provide leadership in the provision of healthcare and in the nursing profession, and pray that, in challenging times, support and compassion may be shown to those most in need.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Ursula Ward, Chief Executive, The Florence Nightingale Foundation, says:

WE pray for all who promote health and wellbeing in policy and practice; for nurses offering care, both in hospitals and in homes; for nurses in training and those who teach them; for all engaged in research; and all those who, through their office, work for the flourishing of all people.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Vivienne Birch, Director of Quality and Compliance, Bupa, says:

WE pray for all who promote healthcare within the Armed Forces, remembering especially those currently serving in places of need and conflict; for those responsible for training and formation; and for those who exercise stewardship, make policy, and allocate resources.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Venerable David Stanton, Canon in Residence, says:

WE pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for those who are terminally ill, elderly, or frail; for all refugees and those who bear the scars of war; for all who live with chronic disability and pain; and for the many who care for them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Sacrist concludes:

REMEMBER in your kingdom, O Lord, all those who have faithfully served you here on earth and are now at rest; grant us, with them, and with all the faithful departed, the joy of your salvation.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Saviour has 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, forever and ever. Amen.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

*during which a collection is taken for The Florence Nightingale
Foundation, for which gift aid envelopes are provided*



THE day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*St Clement 252i NEH
Clement Scholefield (1839–1904)*

John Ellerton (1826–93)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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 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.

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the west end of the Abbey Church.

Music after the service:

Allegro maestoso e vivace—Allegro moderato
from Sonata in C Op 65 no 2

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–47)

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

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation wishes to thank
the Chief Nursing Officer for Wales
and the University of Plymouth for their support on this occasion.



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