

# Westminster Abbey



## The Dedication of the Fountain

*in honour of  
Lancelot 'Capability' Brown  
(c 1715–83)*

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
6.00 pm

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, gives*

## THE WELCOME

*The Venerable David Stanton, Canon in Residence, reads*

## THE READING

**T**HE Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

*Deuteronomy 8: 7–10*

## THE REFLECTION

*by*

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## THE DEDICATION

*The Dean says:*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who dost water the earth, making it very plenteous, and givest the living water of thy Spirit rising in us even unto eternal life; bless this fountain, which we dedicate to the memory of Lancelot Brown, and prosper the work of all who serve to beautify our gardens and landscapes; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Dean leads*

## THE PRAYERS

Let us give thanks to God for Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown, for his contribution and inspiration to succeeding generations.

**O** ETERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: we beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole Church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served thee here and are at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for ourselves; for our appreciation of the natural world, and our responsibility towards it.

**O** HEAVENLY Father, who hast filled the world with beauty; open, we beseech thee, our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may guard its integrity and be made good stewards of its bounty; for the sake of him by whom all things were made, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Dean pronounces*

## THE BLESSING

**U** NTO God’s gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**