# Westminster Abbey



# A Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving to mark ANZAC Day





Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Noon



Crete, 1941. A happy meeting of troops of the Australian Imperial Forces and the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces on the island.

2021 marks the 80th anniversary
of the Greece and Crete Campaigns of WW2.

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#### HISTORICAL NOTE

This year marks the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915.

The Gallipoli campaign exacted a heavy toll on both sides. Some 50,000 Allied troops from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, France, 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.

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. Casualties at Gallipoli amounted to almost 9,000 Australians killed and in excess of 19,000 wounded. For New Zealand, near to 3,000 lost their lives and over 5,000 were wounded. These figures do not include those who died as a result of mental trauma in the years following.

In both countries, ANZAC Day, 25<sup>th</sup> April, not only commemorates those first landings at Gallipoli, but also all the Australians and New Zealanders who have served their countries in time of conflict, and especially those who have given their lives in that service.

After a year in which we have borne hardships of a very different kind from the sufferings which the ANZACs endured—the shocking effects of the worst global pandemic in a century—we take, as the theme for ANZAC Day 2021, "Remembrance. Recovery. Renewal". As we remember the sufferings and sacrifice of a century ago, we also remember the recovery in the years which followed, and the renewal of the human spirit which so often follows upon the darkest of days.

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 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 David Hoyle, 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 bugle is played by WO2 Jason Pickin, Band of The Prince of Wales.

The Australian flag is borne by Flight Lieutenant Peter Rolph, Royal Australian Air Force.

The New Zealand flag is borne by Warrant Officer Cedric Blundell, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The Turkish flag is borne by Senior Sergeant Major Hasan Yoluç, Military Administrative Attaché.

The flag of the United Kingdom is borne by Major Thomas Ogilvy, Scots Guards.

Before the service, Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays

Sonata No II in C minor Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

Romance William McKie (1901–84)

Lento moderato Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

from Symphony No 3 'Pastoral' arranged by Matthew Jorysz (b 1992)

Silent noon Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

Chorale Prelude on Eventide Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Elegy Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

arranged by Matthew Jorysz

His Excellency Mr Ümit Yalçın, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey, is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his seat.

His Excellency the Honourable George Brandis QC, High Commissioner for Australia, and His Excellency Mr Bede Corry, High Commissioner for New Zealand, are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Deputy High Steward, Councillor Jonathan Glanz, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand as he is conducted to his seat, and then sit.

All stand.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence KCVO CB are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

All remain standing as the procession moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing. The choir sings

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

OD 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. The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster, gives

#### THE BIDDING

ONE hundred and six years ago, early on the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, soldiers of the newly formed Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, landed at Gallipoli and were immediately plunged into battle. By the end of that first day they had sustained two thousand casualties, either killed or wounded. It was the precursor to months of bitter warfare in increasingly difficult conditions. Today we gather to remember what must never be forgotten. We are also here to honour not just bravery, but deep loyalties and to reflect on the complex history that makes allies and enemies and leads us through war and peace.

We will speak today of national identity and of the ties that bind us to one another. We do that as we digest the experience of a pandemic that has dislocated so much friendship and stretched thin so much international co-operation. We will commit ourselves to a renewed determination to seek peace and to work together for the good of all.

We do this in the Easter season, rejoicing in Christ's victory over death. We hear again his summons to live in a shared hope and a common celebration of the power of God's redeeming and reconciling love. As the flags of different nations are presented in this Abbey church we acknowledge the words inscribed above the altar—'the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ'. In this house of prayer we keep silence remembering our past and renewing our commitment to our shared future.

Silence is kept

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Psalm 85:10-11

All remain standing as the flags of Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, and the United Kingdom are borne through the Abbey Church and placed in the Sacrarium. The organist plays

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

All sit. His Excellency the Honourable George Brandis QC, High Commissioner for Australia, reads from the Nave Pulpit

#### THE FIRST READING

CING aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult With all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Thanks be to God.

#### THE PSALM

HEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter:

and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen:

the Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.

Adrian Batten (c 1591–1637)

Psalm 126: 1-4

His Excellency Mr Bede Corry, High Commissioner for New Zealand, reads from the Great Lectern

#### THE SECOND READING

HEN Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Luke 4: 16-21

Thanks be to God.

#### THE ADDRESS

by

#### The Dean

The choir sings

#### THE ANTHEM

 $R^{\hspace{0.5mm}\text{ISE}\hspace{0.5mm}\text{heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise}}$  Without delays,

Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him may'st rise:

That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art.

The cross taught all wood to resound his name, Who bore the same.

His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long:

Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied;

O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) from Five Mystical Songs

Easter in The Temple George Herbert (1593–1633)

#### THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Last Post is sounded.

The Reverend Mark Birch, 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 Mr Ümit Yalçın, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey, 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 Mehmets 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 High Commissioner for Australia and The High Commissioner for New Zealand lay wreaths at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

Silence is kept.

# The choir sings

HEN 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. Leonie Lewis (Whakatōhea, Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Rua), Ngāti Rānana London Māori Club, sings

#### THE HYMN

HAKAARIA mai tōu rīpeka ki au, Reveal unto me your crucifix, tiaho mai ra roto i te pō which shines in the darkness hei kona au titiro atu ai. to that place near you I look, Ora, mate, hei au koe noho ai. in life, in death, with me you stay

Ora, mate, hei au koe noho ai in life, in death, with me you stay.
Amine.

Amen.

How Great Thou Art Swedish folk melody Russian hymn translated by Stuart Hine

The High Commissioners return to their seats.

#### THE PRAYERS

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

All kneel or sit.

Young citizens of Australia and New Zealand continue the prayers.

Eleanor Bassingthwaighte says

Let us pray for Her Majesty The Queen, for the Governors General of New Zealand and Australia, and for all who govern and guide the nations of the world: that amidst the challenges of our time they may pursue health, peace, and cooperation among all peoples.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Ethan Lewis (Whakatōhea, Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Rua) says

Let us pray for the Church in this time of Easter, and for all people of faith and goodwill: that, in word and deed, we may be renewed in love and service to God and to our neighbour.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lucas Maso says

Let us pray for those who have suffered most in the pandemic; for those who have suffered loneliness, illness, and bereavement, and those who have faced the loss of livelihood or opportunity. Let us give thanks for key and critical workers, and all who have worked hardest for the safety and good of others.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Sarah Kebbell says

LET us pray for all veterans of war; for members of our Armed Forces wherever they serve and all who work for peace in

troubled places; for those who bear physical and mental scars and those who support them; that their service may be honoured and their needs be met.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Oliver Griffiths says

Let us give thanks for the friendships that have developed between former enemies, and pray that we may continue, within the Commonwealth and the whole family of nations, to pursue all that builds peace and reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Holly Masters says

Let us pray for ourselves, that this commemoration may remind us of the responsibilities we bear today as citizens of New Zealand and Australia; to remember with thanksgiving, and to commit ourselves to recovery and renewal for our countries and for all people.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

The Reverend Dr James Hawkey, Canon in Residence, concludes

Rejoicing in the hope of Christ's resurrection, let us pray, with confidence, in the words he taught us:

UR 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.

#### THE HYMN

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.

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.

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 stand. The Dean pronounces

#### THE BLESSING

AY 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.** 

The flags are retrieved.

# The choir sings

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF NEW ZEALAND

E IHOWĀ 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.

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA

A USTRALIANS all, let us rejoice for we are one 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!'

All remain standing as the procession, along with Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence KCVO CB, moves to the west end of the church.

Music after the service

Marche héroïque

Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)

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

> Details for this year's collection, in aid of the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League, can be found overleaf



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