

FOREWORD

DURING its history of over one thousand years, the Abbey has seen many significant services. This morning we add to that record with this Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Mark the 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II. It is not an extra memorial service. Today we recall the total nature of that war, affecting not only the armed forces but also the huge voluntary movement on the Home Front.

The service begins when Her Majesty The Queen is joined by two children representing the future: they lay flowers on the monument to Innocent Victims. The choir sings words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Thus we set the scene as one of realism and hope. The next step is to recall the war itself. After a poem by TS Eliot we shall use some ancient words from Psalm 23 and modern television technology. The choir sings verses interspersed with images from newsreels. It is not widely known that the Abbey keeps the seven volumes of the names of the civilian war dead. We shall offer them at the altar as a reminder that modern warfare is indiscriminate.

We then turn to the word - Scripture and Sermon. The first reading describes an early war memorial and its importance for generations to come. The Archbishop of Canterbury preaches and, as a reflection on his words, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh reads the Beatitudes. We now turn explicitly to the future. A new anthem by the Master of the Queen's Music leads into prayers and thanksgivings led by young people from throughout the United Kingdom. These culminate in the General Thanksgiving.

Our last act this morning is to offer ourselves to God for similar service, should it sadly ever be required. We shall be invited to confirm those values which seem to emerge with greater clarity amid the carnage and deceit of war as the way of life and hope in time of peace. The choir sings once more a reflection on salt, light, and peace. God's Blessing is invoked and we depart.

We shall today thus pray and we shall thank; we shall sing and we shall rejoice; we shall listen and we shall hear; we shall look and we shall see; and we shall dedicate ourselves again to the service of the Kingdom of God.

Wesley Carr
Dean of Westminster
July 2005

The whole of 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 ensure that mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.

The Bells of the Abbey Church are rung before the service by the Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers. Today the bells are rung sixty times in Whole Pull and Stand, in which the ringing of all ten bells alternates with the tolling of the tenor bell alone. All ten bells are rung in honour of the arrival of Her Majesty The Queen. The tolling of the tenor today commemorates the victims of World War II. Three of the Principal Ringers of the Company, ringing today at this service, rang also for both VE and VJ Day in 1945.

The Cross of Westminster, Processional Candles, and Banners are borne by the Brotherhood of St Edward, all of whose members are former Choristers of the Abbey. The five members of the Brotherhood who bear the Banners in procession at this service were all Choristers during the course of World War II.

The Banners depict St Edward the Confessor, who is buried in the Abbey, and the four Patron Saints of the United Kingdom: St Andrew, St David, St George, and St Patrick.

The flowers to be laid by Her Majesty The Queen, those surrounding the Unknown Warrior, and those at the High Altar, arranged by The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, include five species representing the Christian faith and the four countries of the United Kingdom: the Lily for the Resurrection, the Rose for England, the Flax/Bells of Ireland for Northern Ireland, the Thistle for Scotland, and the Daffodil/Leek for Wales.

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

The organ is played by Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist.

The fanfares are played by the State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry, and by the Fanfare Team of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Royal Marines School of Music, directed by Major Philip Watson.

Music before the service:

Ian Keatley, Organ Scholar, plays:

Prelude in E flat BWV 552 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Cortège et Litanie Op 19 No 2 *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

Chorale Prelude on St Ann's *Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

Daniel Cook, Assistant Organist, plays:

Passacaglia BWV 582 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Prelude and Angel's Farewell
from The Dream of Gerontius *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

Fugue in E flat BWV 552ii *Johann Sebastian Bach*

The Procession of Religious Representatives moves to the North Lantern. All remain seated.

Verger

The Honourable Barnabas Leith
*National Spiritual Assembly of the
Bahá'ís of the UK*

Dr Zaki Bedawi
*Muslim College
and the Imams and Mosques Council, UK*

Dorab E Mistry Esq
*The Zoroastrian Association
in Europe*

Rabbi Alan Plancey
*representing the Chief Rabbi of the United
Hebrew Congregations and the
British Commonwealth*

Dr Natubhai Shah
Jain Academy

The Reverend Swami Shivarupananda
The Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre

Indarjit Singh
The Network of Sikh Organisations, UK

The Venerable Tawalama Bandula
The London Buddhist Vihara

The Speaker of the House of Commons is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and conducted to his place in the Quire. All remain seated.

The Prime Minister is received and conducted to his place in the Quire. All remain seated.

The Lord Chancellor is received and conducted to his place in the Quire. All remain seated.

The Procession of Ecumenical Representatives and of the Bishop and Chaplains of Her Majesty's Forces moves to the Sacrarium. All remain seated.

Verger

Commissioner Lyn Pearce
representing the Salvation Army

The Reverend David Coffey
The Free Churches Moderator

The Reverend Barry Dunsmore
*representing the General Assembly
of the Church of Scotland*

The Reverend David Deeks
General Secretary of the Methodist Church

His Eminence Cardinal
Cormac Murphy-O'Connor
Archbishop of Westminster

His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios
*Archbishop of Thyateira
and Great Britain*

Verger

The Reverend David Wilkes
Chaplain-General, Her Majesty's Land Forces

The Venerable Barry Hammett
Chaplain of the Fleet

The Venerable Ronald Hesketh
Chaplain-in-Chief, Royal Air Force

The Right Reverend David Conner
Dean of Windsor and Bishop to Her Majesty's Forces

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his place in the Quire. All stand. When the Lord Mayor has taken his seat in the Quire, all sit.

All remain seated as Members of the Royal Family are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster:

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, the Honourable Lady Ogilvy

Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Michael of Kent

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Kent

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex

His Royal Highness The Duke of York

Presentations are made.

All stand as Their Royal Highnesses move to their places in the South Lantern. When Their Royal Highnesses have taken their seats in the South Lantern, all sit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

A fanfare is sounded. All stand.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

THE COMMEMORATION

The Very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, says

THE BIDDING

WE have come together this morning to thank God for the end of the war sixty years ago. Victory in Europe was in May: Victory in Japan did not come until August. Two mighty conflicts, two major arenas. But today we remember also those who fought their war here, those men and women who served and suffered at home. Throughout history non-combatants have been caught up in fighting; they have known the deprivation of siege and the blood-thirstiness of massacre. In the Second World War air power changed the idea of front from trenches, barbed wire, and battlefields, to anywhere a bomb could be dropped or a rocket explode – a third arena, the Home Front. But civilian and military alike, all stood firm against a perceived evil.

In cemeteries abroad and graveyards at home stones memorialise them, lasting markers of a past for which we thank God. But they also remain as living stones in the fabric of our lives, calling us to look forward to what they did not see but for which we pray. We come each to dedicate his or her life to the service of the great ideals of love and justice, wisdom and duty, for which others, whether at home or abroad, in the East or in the West, offered their lives.

I now invite Your Majesty, with these children, to place flowers on this stone, in thanksgiving for our past, and in hope for generations to come.

Her Majesty The Queen lays flowers in commemoration of all who died in the course of the War, assisted by Joss and Wanda Criswell, whose great-grandmother served as a Land Girl during the War, and whose grandfather fought in the D-Day Landings of 1944.

The Choir sings

THE ANTIPHON

YOU are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

Let your light shine before others that they may give glory to your Father in heaven.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Alleluia.

*James O'Donnell (b 1961), Organist and Master of the Choristers
commissioned for this service*

after St Matthew 5: 13-16, 9

The Dean continues:

THIS was also called a World War. As we give thanks for the way the human spirit rose to its challenges, so let us pray for the leaders of the nations today, that the making of peace may be their common endeavour throughout the world.

Let us then draw near to the God of infinite power and everlasting mercy: joining the angels to proclaim the glory of God in Heaven, and seeking with all God's people his Kingdom on earth.

All:

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 remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

The Collegiate Body, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Her Majesty The Queen with His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, move to their places in the Quire, Lantern, and Sacrarium.

PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

*Lobe den Herren 440 NEH
Melody from Praxis Pietatis Melica 1668
arranged by James O'Donnell*

*Joachim Neander (1650-80)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)
and Rupert Davies (1909-94)*

THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION

Beadle

Wanda and Joss Criswell

The Banner of St Andrew

The Banner of St George

The Choir of Westminster Abbey

James O'Donnell Esq
Organist and Master of the Choristers

The Banner of St Patrick

The Banner of St David

Verger

The Queen's Almsmen

The Lord Hurd of Westwell
High Steward

Sir Roy Strong
High Bailiff

The Cross of Westminster and Lights

The Reverend Graeme Napier
Minor Canon of Westminster

The Reverend Deiniol Morgan
Minor Canon of Westminster

The Banner of St Edward the Confessor

The Canons' Verger

The Reverend Robert Reiss
Canon of Westminster

The Reverend Dr Nicholas Sagovsky
Canon of Westminster

The Reverend Robert Wright
Canon of Westminster

The Most Reverend Dr Rowan Williams
Archbishop of Canterbury

The Reverend David Hutt
Canon of Westminster

The Dean's Verger

The Very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr
Dean of Westminster

His Royal Highness
The Duke of Edinburgh

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

The Suites in attendance

All sit.

THE RECOLLECTION OF WAR

Annette Crosbie reads

DEFENCE OF THE ISLANDS

LET these memorials of built stone – music's
enduring instrument, of many centuries of
patient cultivation of the earth, of English
verse

be joined with the memory of this defence of
the islands

and the memory of those appointed to the grey
ships – battleship, merchantman, trawler –
contributing their share to the ages' pavement
of British bone on the sea floor

and of those who, in man's newest form of gamble
with death, fight the power of darkness in air
and fire

and of those who have followed their forebears
to Flanders and France, those undefeated in de-
feat, unalterable in triumph, changing nothing
of their ancestors' ways but the weapons
and those again for whom the paths of glory are
the lanes and the streets of Britain:

to say, to the past and the future generations
of our kin and of our speech, that we took up
our positions, in obedience to instructions.

TS Elliot (1888-1965)

written after the evacuation of Allied Forces from Dunkirk in 1940

Excerpts of wartime newsreels are screened. In reflection upon these images of British experience of the War the Choir sings

PSALM 23

departing

THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

caring

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

persevering

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

providing

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

rejoicing

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

*Brother James's Air, traditional Scottish melody
arranged by James O'Donnell*

The Dean says:

IN this house of God are treasured the memorials of many generations. Among these memorials are the Books of Remembrance of the Civilian Dead of the Second World War, those who died on the Home Front.

We stand and keep silence, and honour those who have died.

All stand.

Silence is kept as the seven Books of Remembrance, containing the names of all British civilians killed in World War II, are borne through the Abbey by members of the Civilian Services. The Books are escorted by young people from the four countries of the United Kingdom:

Rebecca Coleman *England*
escorts

Colin Stribly *Ambulance Driver*

Harri Williams *Wales*
escorts

Ursula Garratt *Nurse*

Samantha Moore *England*
escorts

Clinton Myhill *St John Ambulance Officer*

Richard Ferguson *Scotland*
escorts

Alex MacDougall *Fire Officer*

Emily McClure *Northern Ireland*
escorts

Michael Lacy *Police Officer*

Lydia Lau *England*
escorts

Mike Rollo *Railwayman*

Nikunj Davda *England*
escorts

Rachel Allard *Headmistress*

When the Books have been placed upon the Altar, the Dean says:

REMEMBER, O Lord, these your servants who have departed hence, and all others to whom our remembrance is due. Give to them eternal rest and peace in your Heavenly Kingdom; and to us such communion with them as you know to be best for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

Andrea Catherwood reads

JOSHUA 4: 1-9, 19-24

WHEN the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: ‘Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, “Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.” Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, ‘Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, “What do those stones mean to you?” then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.’

The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.

The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. Those twelve stones, which they had taken out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal, saying to the Israelites, ‘When your children ask their parents in time to come, “What do these stones mean?” then you shall let your children know, “Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.” For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we crossed over, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, and so that you may fear the Lord your God forever.’

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Cwm Rhondda 368 NEH
John Hughes (1873-1932)
arranged by James O'Donnell*

*William Williams (1717-91)
translated by Peter Williams (1727-96) and others*

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Rowan Williams
*Lord Archbishop of Canterbury
Primate of All England and Metropolitan*

All remain seated. His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh reads

MATTHEW 5: 3-16

BLESSED are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

The Light of the Lord

COME, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*Peter Maxwell Davies (b 1934), Master of The Queen's Music
commissioned for this service*

after Isaiah 2: 3-5

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Graeme Napier, Minor Canon of Westminster, says:

For our Nation, for our leaders, for all who work for peace, for those broken by war, for the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and for all mankind: let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel or remain seated.

Rebecca Coleman:

For nations still torn by war or civil discord, for their people and their leaders; that the causes of our human hatreds be made known, and that the desire for peace may overcome them; let us pray to the Lord:

Lord have mercy.

Richard Ferguson:

For those still suffering from the effects of past wars; for veterans, for the bereaved, for all innocent victims whom war has left vulnerable, displaced, or without hope; let us pray to the Lord:

Lord have mercy.

Emily McClure:

For those who presently serve the cause of peace and liberty among the troubled nations of the world; for the armed forces of this country and for all who fight against injustice and oppression; let us pray to the Lord:

Lord have mercy.

Nikunj Davda:

For the young people of our present generation, and for all who will influence the future of this country; that our gratitude to those who have gone before us may inspire us to build for those who come after; let us pray to the Lord:

Lord have mercy.

The Reverend Deiniol Morgan, Minor Canon of Westminster, continues:

Let us give thanks for those who bought us our peace, for reconciliation of enemies, and for the liberties we now enjoy.

Lydia Lau:

For the service and sacrifice of those who brought the Second World War to an end; for their courage and their selflessness, and the example they have given us; let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Harri Williams:

For the establishment of peace with those countries which, once our enemies, are now our allies; for the flourishing of love where once there was hatred; let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Samantha Moore:

For the freedoms won for us in Jesus Christ Our Lord; for freedom of belief and worship, of speech and expression; and for all those who have fought in defence of this liberty; let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Graeme Napier concludes:

All these our prayers and praises we offer to God our Heavenly Father, saying together:

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we shew forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer 1662

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

BE thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Slane 339 NEH
traditional Irish melody*

*Irish, c 8th century, translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
and versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

All remain standing.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Dean says:

THOSE who served and those who died sixty years ago did so believing in freedom, in justice, and in peace. If we are to make these values our own, we must never forget their sacrifice, we must use aright that freedom which they bought for us, and we must live as an example to others.

“These stones shall be to you a memorial for ever.”

You are the stones that commemorate our deliverance from evil: your freedom is the memorial to those who have died.

Amen.

**We will honour their memory
by using our freedom in the service of others;
and by telling of their sacrifice
to our children,
and to our children’s children.**

“You are the salt of the earth: but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?”

You have a duty to work for the good of those who lack what you so richly enjoy.

Amen.

**We will strive to restore
what our world has lost:
comfort to those who mourn,
food to those who hunger,
peace to those who are persecuted,
and justice to those who are oppressed.**

“You are the light of the world: a city built on a hill cannot be hidden.”

You as a nation are to be such a city, that the light of your example might shine in the dark places of this world.

Amen.

**We will resist all that is evil,
and so hold fast to that which is good,
that seeing our good works for the glory of God,
the peoples of the nations and kingdoms of this world,
might seek the Kingdom of Heaven.**

The Dean continues:

ALMIGHTY God, we offer you our thanks and praise for all who have died that we might live, for all who endured pain that we might know joy, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom, for all who knew austerity that we might know plenty. Grant us strength to fulfil the promises we have made this day, that the values for which they served and died might be the values by which we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All remain standing. The Choir sings

THE ANTIPHON

YOU are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
Let your light shine before others that they may give glory to your Father in heaven.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Alleluia.

James O'Donnell

after St Matthew 5: 13-16, 9

The Dean says

THE BLESSING

GOD grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us sinners, life everlasting.
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. All remain standing to sing

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.

Not on this land alone –
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That we in unity,
Should form one family
The wide world o'er.

*from Thesaurus Musicus c1743
arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

*anonymous and
W E Hickson (1803-70)*

All remain standing.

The Sub-Organist plays:

Allegro maestoso from Sonata Op 28

Edward Elgar

The Procession of the Collegiate Body moves through the Quire and Nave to places outside the Great West Door.

As Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, with other members of the Royal Family, are conducted by the Dean and Chapter to the Great West Door, the Bells of the Abbey Church are fired (struck simultaneously), a technique used on occasions of great celebration. Bells were fired throughout the United Kingdom on both 8 May and 15 August 1945 to celebrate the end of the War in Europe and in Japan.

The Procession of Religious Representatives moves to the West End of the Abbey.

The Procession of Ecumenical Representatives and of the Bishop and Chaplains of Her Majesty's Forces, together with the Escorts of the Books of Remembrance, moves to the West End of the Abbey.

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