

Westminster Abbey



A Service to commemorate
the life of Florence Nightingale
and to mark the centenary
of the funeral of Edith Cavell



Wednesday 15th May 2019

Noon

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 those offered a scholarship are the very best at what they do. We continue to develop the leaders of the future and partner with the very best organisations to deliver these. We 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.

Cavell Nurses' Trust's roots go back to 1917 when a fund to care for nurses affected by war was set up in memory of British nurse, Edith Cavell. Edith is celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers from both sides in the First World War, regardless of nationality. After helping over 200 Allied soldiers reach freedom from German-occupied Belgium, Edith was arrested, found guilty of treason, and sentenced to death on 12th October 1915. She remains an inspiration to many, and we are proud and privileged to maintain Edith Cavell's legacy in our work today.

Cavell Nurses' Trust supports UK nurses, midwives, and healthcare assistants, both working and retired, when they are suffering personal or financial hardship often due to illness, disability, older age, or domestic abuse.

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; Dame Yvonne Moores DBE, Chair; Andrew Andrews MBE, Vice-Chair; 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 & North Herts 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, and Professor Michelle Briggs, Clinical Professor of Nursing, Division of Nursing, Midwifery, and Social Work, University of Manchester.

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 Private Rachel Cousins, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, Joint Hospital Group (North), 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 Alison J Hofman RRC 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 Corps, Chief Nursing Officer (Army); and Group Captain Fionnuala Bradley, 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 Lieutenant Colonel Geoff Hall, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. The Lamp party will be escorted by student nurses and midwives from the University of Hertfordshire.

On arrival before the High Altar, the Lamp will be handed to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Nayol Santos. She will pass the Lamp to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Ross Anderson. 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.

Nurses from The Royal London Hospital process. Their participation in traditional dress represents Nurse Edith Cavell who trained to be a nurse at The Royal London Hospital and worked across the city as well as further afield. Edith went on to set up a school of nursing in Belgium and worked on the front line during the First World War. For almost a century, nurses from The Royal London have been laying a wreath at Edith's statue in Trafalgar Square in tribute.

They are represented by: Director of Nursing, Lucie Butler; Senior Sister, Tosh Denholm; Outpatients Matron, Emma Staddon; and Bereavement Lead, Rosamund Butterfield.

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 James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of Choristers.

The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

Before the service, Alexander Hamilton, Organ Scholar, plays

Méditation *Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

Attende Domine *Jeanne Demessieux (1921–68)*

In manus tuas *Jeanne Demessieux*

Cantabile *César Franck (1822–90)*

Nocturne *Germaine Tailleferre (1892–1983)*

The Adjutant and Chelsea Pensioners, the Honorary Officers of The Florence Nightingale Foundation, the Guild of Nurses, and the Florence Nightingale Foundation Chairs in Clinical Nursing Practice Research move to their places in Quire and the Lantern.

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Deputy High Steward, Councillor Lindsey Hall, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand as she is conducted to her seat, and then sit.

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

All stand.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

GOD be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

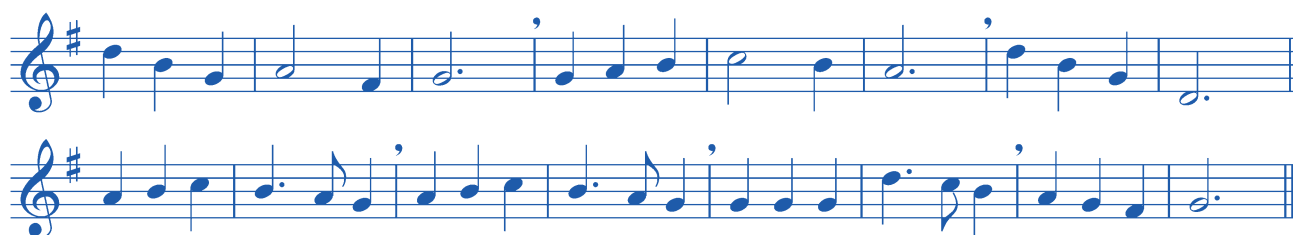
Philip Radcliffe (1905–86)

Sarum Diurnal 1514

All sing

THE HYMN

during which the procession, together with Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, The Honourable Lady Ogilvy, moves to places in Quire, the Lantern, and the Sacrarium. The Edith Cavell banner is brought forward by Diana Beswick, presented to the Dean, and placed on the High Altar



THOU whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.

*Moscow 466 NEH
after Felice Giardini (1716–96)
in Martin Madan's Collection of Psalm Tunes 1769*

John Marriott (1780–1825)

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. Dr Ruth May, Chief Nursing Officer for England, reads from the Great Lectern

SONG OF SOLOMON 8: 6-7

SET me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

The choir sings

PSALM 147: 1-11

OPRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God :
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :
and gather together the outcasts of Israel.
He healeth those that are broken in heart :
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
He telleth the number of the stars :
and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power :
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
The Lord setteth up the meek :
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving :
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth :
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
who giveth fodder unto the cattle :
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse :
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him :
and put their trust in his mercy.

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 Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

*Jackie Kelly, Dean of School, School of Health and Social Work, University of Hertfordshire,
reads from the Nave Pulpit*

ST MARK 10: 35–45

JAMES and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



LOVE Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Blaenwern 408i NEH
William Rowlands (1860–1937)

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

All remain standing for

THE PROCESSION OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, 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, Private Rachel Cousins, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, Joint Hospital Group (North), is escorted by the three Matrons-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The Roll of Honour is received by the Dean and is 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 VOW to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

*Thaxted 295 AMNS
from Jupiter in The Planets
Gustav Holst (1874–1934)*

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859–1918)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Very Reverend Dr Jane Hedges
Dean of Norwich

All remain seated for

THE PROCESSION OF THE LAMP

The Lamp is borne by Lieutenant Colonel Geoff Hall, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. The Lamp Party is escorted by student nurses and midwives from the University of Hertfordshire.

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All stand. The Precentor 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

I HAVE seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me.
Standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realise patriotism is not enough.
I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.

And when the time was close, for once her eyes filled with tears, then she quietly rose,
walked silently through the stilled prison, the grey dawn light, passed gas flame
tired flowers, out beyond her final night, a flame alight in hours before infinity, in
the presence of death leaving all enmity, in view of God we are air after breath.

Cecilia McDowall (b 1951)

Edith Cavell (1865–1915)

Seán Street (b 1946)

The Precentor leads

THE INTERCESSIONS

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

All kneel or remain seated

The Reverend Dr Peter Doll, Canon Librarian, Norwich Cathedral, says

H EAVENLY Father, we give you thanks for the life and work of Florence
Nightingale and Edith Cavell, and for those whom they have 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.

Dame Yvonne Moores, Chair, Florence Nightingale Foundation, says

W E 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.

Simon Knighton, Chair, Cavell Nurses' Trust, 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.

Kathryn Dee, Lead Nurse, Bupa UK Care Services, 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 Reverend Jane Sinclair, 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 Precentor 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*



PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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

D'un matin de printemps (1918)

Lili Boulanger (1893–1918)

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

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung

The Florence Nightingale Foundation wishes to thank the Chief Nursing Officer,
Dr Ruth May, Jackie Kelly of the University of Hertfordshire, and BUPA
for their support on this occasion.



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