

Westminster Abbey



Matins

attended in Civic State by

The Lord Mayor of Westminster

Councillor Hamza Taouzzale

and

Councillors of the City of Westminster



Sunday 3rd July 2022

11.00 am

MATINS

Daily prayer has been offered in this place for over a thousand years and your presence at today's service is warmly welcomed. At Matins most of the service is sung by the choir on our behalf. We participate through our presence and our listening, that the words and the music might become a prayer within us and lift us to contemplate God's beauty and glory.

The service always includes one or more psalms. These ancient prayers, taken from the Old Testament, reflect the full range of human emotions and experiences; from the depths of anger, resentment, and abandonment to the heights of ecstatic joy and praise. They were used by Jesus, and have always been at the heart of the Church's daily prayer.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Westminster first achieved the status of a city in 1540 when, for only ten years, it became a bishopric. Its first recorded civic administration dates from 1585, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, when an Act authorised the establishment of a Court of Burgesses 'for the good government of the City of Westminster'.

While Queen Elizabeth I was creating mayors elsewhere in England, she was concerned that a mayor in Westminster might challenge the authority of the monarch in her own capital city, and she therefore appointed instead the High Steward of Westminster Abbey as Chairman of her newly created Court of Burgesses. The first High Steward to chair the new Court of Burgesses was the Queen's First Minister, William Cecil, Lord Burleigh.

The Court of Burgesses was an administrative body which dealt with public health and morality, planning permissions, the prevention and punishment of crime, and the regulation of weights and measures. It comprised twelve Burgesses appointed by the Dean—one for each ward.

However, when the London Government Act of 1899 created twenty-eight Metropolitan Borough Councils, each having an elected Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors, the authority of the Dean and the High Steward in secular affairs ceased.

The last High Steward who was also effectively Mayor was Lord Salisbury, who was then also Prime Minister. The Duke of Norfolk was the first Mayor of Westminster. On 29th October 1900, a Royal Charter confirmed the status of Westminster as a city.

Since 1935, in order to preserve this historic link between Westminster Abbey and the City Council, the High Steward (the Abbey's senior Lay Officer) has each year appointed the current Mayor of Westminster as Deputy High Steward of Westminster.

The new City of Westminster, incorporating the Boroughs of Paddington and St Marylebone, was constituted by Royal Charter on 1st April 1965. The following year, the Queen granted the First Citizen the style and dignity of Lord Mayor.

To recognise these links between Westminster Abbey and the City Council, the Dean and Chapter welcomes annually the new Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Deputy High Steward, in State to the Civic Service.

THE LORD MAYOR

Councillor Hamza Taouzzale was elected to Westminster City Council in 2018, representing Queen's Park Ward. He is the youngest ever councillor to be elected to the City.

Hamza's introduction to the council was, in fact, a few years before and came in October 2015 as a member of the Westminster Youth Council. Four months later he was elected as the member of the Youth Parliament for Westminster, during which time he was instrumental in ensuring that Westminster joined the British Youth Council, thus allowing our Youth MPs to visit and speak in Parliament.

As a councillor, Hamza was quickly promoted to being the Shadow Cabinet Member for Communities and has sat on several scrutiny committees including his most recent: Communities, Regeneration and Housing Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

Outside of his council life, Cllr Taouzzale is a trustee of a handful of local Westminster charities and sits on the John Lyons Grants committee.

Cllr Taouzzale has always lived in Westminster, and he attended local schools. He is also a recent graduate of both Goldsmiths College and Kings College London where he studied Politics and then Global Affairs.

For the forthcoming year, Cllr Taouzzale aims to support as many local youth organisations as possible and will use the help and knowledge of the Young Westminster Foundation to do so. Cllr Taouzzale is especially keen on sports and arts, and in his free time he is an avid Chelsea FC supporter!

THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

Imam Kabir Uddin MBE has been the Muslim Chaplain for HMP Wormwood Scrubs for nearly 20 years. Along with Chaplains of other faiths he is responsible for ensuring that faith and pastoral needs of those in custody are met. He was part of the successful Reducing Reoffending Scheme, which matches offenders with trained community volunteer mentors. Imam Kabir has been honoured with various awards, including an MBE for his commitment to prison service.

Imam Kabir is also a Senior Imam and operational manager of Hafs Academy, a faith and spiritual centre, a social, community, and educational hub in North Westminster. He is consistently involved in outreach work, serving all ages, faiths and ethnicities, and played a vital part in Westminster's welcome for Afghan evacuees. His support for people bereaved or made seriously ill by Covid-19 was also crucial and highly valued.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

An architectural masterpiece of the 13th to 16th centuries, Westminster Abbey also presents a unique pageant of British history—the shrine of St Edward the Confessor, the tombs of kings and queens, and countless memorials to the famous and the great. It has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066. Today it is still a church dedicated to regular worship and to the celebration of great events in the life of the nation. Neither a cathedral nor a parish church, Westminster Abbey is a Royal Peculiar under the jurisdiction of a Dean and Chapter, subject only to the Sovereign.

In the 1040s, King Edward (later St Edward the Confessor), last of the Anglo-Saxon kings, established his royal palace by the banks of the River Thames on land known as Thorney Island and building a large Romanesque church. This church became known as the ‘west minster’ to distinguish it from St Paul’s Cathedral (the east minster) in the City of London.

Edward’s Abbey survived until the middle of the 13th century, when King Henry III decided to rebuild it in the new Gothic style of architecture. Westminster Abbey was designed to be not only a great monastery and place of worship, but also a place for the coronation and burial of monarchs.

It was natural that Henry III should wish to translate the body of the saintly Edward the Confessor into a more magnificent tomb behind the High Altar. This shrine survives, and around it are buried a cluster of medieval kings and their consorts. The Abbey contains some 600 monuments and wall tablets—the most important collection of monumental sculpture anywhere in the country—and over three thousand people are buried here.

Queen Elizabeth I, buried in the Lady Chapel, refounded the Abbey in 1560 as a Collegiate Church, a Royal Peculiar exempt from the jurisdiction of bishops. A Collegiate body of a Dean and Prebendaries, Minor Canons, and a lay staff was established and charged with the task of continuing the tradition of daily worship (for which a musical foundation of choristers, singing men and organist was provided). In addition, the Dean and Chapter were responsible for much of the civil government of Westminster, a role which was only fully relinquished in the early 20th century. Thus the Abbey was reshaped and newly patterned to discharge a distinctive, yet worshipful role in a modern age.

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

Photography, filming, and sound recording are not allowed in the Abbey at any time. Please ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are switched off.

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.

Before the service, Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

Marche Héroïque	Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)
Adagio in E	Frank Bridge (1879–1941)
Chorale Prelude on 'St Ann's'	Hubert Parry (1848–1918)
Meditation (Westminster) from London Suite	Eric Coates (1886–1957)

Before the service the 'Laetatus Bell' is tolled. Its inscription runs:

LAETATUS SUM
FLOREAT CIVITAS: FLOREAT SENATUS

*I was glad (Psalm 122: 1)
May the city flourish: May Parliament flourish*

The Guard of Honour is commanded by Warrant Officer Roland Mackenzie, Officer Commanding 291 (Westminster and Chelsea) Squadron ATC and includes cadets representing a variety of Westminster's uniformed organisations.

Prior to the arrival of the Lord Mayor, a Procession comprising the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London; the Honorary Recorder of Westminster; HM Senior Coroner for Inner West London moves to places in the Lantern.

The Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Westminster is received and is conducted to his seat.

Kevin Traverse-Healy dl, representing the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, is received and conducted to his seat.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Doors.
All stand.*

*All remain standing as the processions of the Lord Mayor and Councillors
of the City of Westminster, the choir and the clergy move to places in the
Lantern, Quire, and the Sacrarium.*

The choir sings the Introit

LOCUS iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum:
Irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God:
a priceless and unblemished sign of his presence.*

Anton Bruckner (1824–96)

Gradual, Mass for the dedication of a church

All sing the Hymn



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.

Praise, my soul 436 NEH
John Goss (1800–80)

Henry Lyte (1793–1847)
after Psalm 103

All remain standing. The Venerable Tricia Hillas, Canon in Residence, gives the Welcome

The Reverend Robert Latham, Sacrist, says a sentence of scripture

The Sacrist and choir sing the Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall shew forth thy
praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

William Byrd (c 1539–1623)

All sit. The choir sings Venite, exultemus Domino

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God :
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

Psalm 95: 1-7

The choir sings Psalm 9

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart :
I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee :
yea, my songs will I make of thy name, O thou most highest.

While my enemies are driven back :
they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

For thou hast maintained my right and my cause :
thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly :
thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end :
even as the cities which thou hast destroyed;

their memorial is perished with them.
But the Lord shall endure for ever :
 he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.
For he shall judge the world in righteousness :
 and minister true judgement unto the people.
The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed :
 even a refuge in due time of trouble.
And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee :
 for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.
O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion :
 shew the people of his doings.
For, when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them:
 and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.
Have mercy upon me, O Lord;
consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me :
 thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.
That I may shew all thy praise within the ports of the daughter of Sion:
 I will rejoice in thy salvation.
The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made :
 in the same net which they hid privily, is their foot taken.
The Lord is known to execute judgement :
 the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.
The wicked shall be turned into hell :
 and all the people that forget God.
For the poor shall not alway be forgotten :
 the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.
Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand :
 let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
Put them in fear, O Lord :
 that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

All stand

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.

All sit. The Right Worshipful Councillor Hamza Taouzzale, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, reads the First Lesson

WHEN Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Genesis 17: 1-7

All stand. The choir sings Te Deum laudamus

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin, and seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
the Father : of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true : and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

William Walton (1902–83) Coronation Te Deum

*All sit. Councillor Adam Hug, Leader of Westminster Council, reads the
Second Lesson*

WH^O is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3: 13–18

All stand. The choir sings Jubilate Deo

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise :

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Benjamin Britten (1913–76) in C

Psalm 100

All remain standing, and face East, whilst those who wish to affirm their faith say the words of the Apostle's Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrist and choir sing

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All kneel or sit for the Lesser Litany, the Lord's Prayer, Responses, and the Collects of the Day, for Peace, and for Grace to live well

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save The Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

William Byrd

The Sacrist says the Prayers for the Royal Family, and for the Members of the Order of the Bath

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD save our Gracious Sovereign, and all the Members of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath living and departed.
Amen.

All sit. The choir sings the Anthem

NISI Dominus aedificaverit domum,
in vanum laboraverunt qui aedificant eam.

Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem, frustra vigilat qui custodit eam.
Vanum est vobis ante lucem surgere, surgite postquam sederitis,
qui manducatis panem doloris
cum dederit dilectis suis somnum.

Ecce haereditas Domini, filii,
merces, fructus ventris.
Sicut sagittae in manu potentis,
ita filii excussorum.

Beatus vir qui implevit desiderium suum ex ipsis:
non confundetur cum loquetur inimicis suis in porta.

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto,
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.*

*Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.*

*It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest,
eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.*

*Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.*

*Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
so are the children of one's youth.*

*Happy are those who have their quiver full of them:
they shall not be put to shame when they dispute with their enemies in the
gate.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.*

*Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)
Vespers 1610*

Psalm 127

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Gwalchmai 391 NEH
Joseph Jones (1827–70)

Praise (II) in The Temple
George Herbert (1593–1633)

*All sit. The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE, Dean of Westminster,
gives the Sermon*

All stand to sing the Hymn



IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

St Denio 377 NEH

Walter Smith (1824–1908)

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 faint-hearted; 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 sing the National Anthem

GOD save our gracious Queen,
G 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 processions move through Quire and the Nave to the west end of the church

Music after the service

Carillon de Westminster
from 24 Pièces de Fantaisie Op 54

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

The Procession of The Lord Mayor and Councillors moves to College Garden, with invited guests following.

The bells of the Abbey are rung

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

Details for this year's collection, in aid of Young Westminster Foundation, can be found overleaf

THE LORD MAYOR'S CHARITY

Young Westminster Foundation brings together youth organisations, young people, businesses, Westminster City Council, government, schools, funders, and the wider community to create opportunities for Westminster's young people. We're part of a growing network of Young People's Foundations (YPFs) established nationally by John Lyon's Charity. We believe that all young people in Westminster should grow up healthy, safe, and happy with the best opportunities for brighter futures. Youth workers offer life changing support for young people and our wider community. Young Westminster Foundation exists to help keep these local services open, innovative, and impactful. Through working together at a local level, we hope to develop cross-sector solutions to some of London's greatest challenges, including serious youth violence, emotional health and wellbeing, and youth employability.

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