

Westminster Abbey



Evensong

with the installation of

The Reverend Anthony Ball

as a

Canon of Westminster

10th September 2016

3.00 pm

Welcome to Westminster Abbey. Daily prayer has been offered in this place for over a thousand years and your participation in today's service is warmly welcomed. At Choral Evensong 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 Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, taken from the early chapters of St Luke's gospel, reflect two responses to the Incarnation (God becoming fully human in Jesus Christ). Both speak of the fulfilment of God's promises, not just to 'Abraham and his seed', but also 'to be a light to lighten the Gentiles' (all nations). With their themes of fulfilment and completion, these texts have been given central place for many centuries in the Church's prayers for the evening and at the end of the day.

This booklet gives the order of service together with details of the music and readings. Please sing the hymns and say those parts of the service printed in bold type.

THE REVEREND ANTHONY BALL

Canon Ball was born and lived for many years in Southern Africa and was educated in England. After studying at the University of Durham, he joined the Diplomatic Service. He had overseas postings in the Middle East and Spain during which time he was ordained as a priest, serving as a (non-stipendiary) curate at St George's, Madrid, in the Diocese of Europe from 2000 to 2003. His last posting was in Damascus where, in addition to his work in the British Embassy and as the Chaplain for All Saints, Damascus, in the Diocese of Jerusalem, he was the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Heads of the Orthodox Churches in Syria and Lebanon. He returned to England in 2005 to join Archbishop Rowan Williams's staff at Lambeth Palace where he variously held responsibility for advising on Anglican Communion, Ecumenical, Inter-Religious, and International Relations and served as the Archbishop's Chaplain. At that time he studied for his MA at Heythrop College and was also a Public Preacher in the dioceses of London (2007 to 2011) and Southwark (2010 to 2011). In 2007 he was made an Honorary Canon of the cathedrals of El Redentor, Madrid, and All Saints, Cairo. Since 2011 he has been Rector at Worth (St Nicholas), Pound Hill, and Maidenbower in the Diocese of Chichester as well as, since 2012, the Anglican Chaplain at Worth School. He is the Chair of Trustees of Embrace the Middle East, an international development charity working through Christian partners in the Middle East.

After the service a collection is taken for the One People Fund. If you are a UK tax-payer and would like to take advantage of the Gift Aid scheme, please ask for a Gift Aid envelope.

In the Jerusalem Chamber before the service The Reverend Anthony Ball makes and subscribes the Declaration of Assent and the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty The Queen, the Dean attesting the same.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and joins the Lay Officers of Westminster Abbey.

THE COLLEGIATE PROCESSION

The Beadle

The Choir of Westminster Abbey

The Lay Officers of Westminster Abbey

A Verger

The Priests Vicar

The Minor Canons

The Canons' Verger

The Canons of Westminster

The Dean's Verger

The Dean of Westminster

The Queen's Almsmen

Order of Service

The choir sings the INTROIT:

O Lord, increase my faith; strengthen me, and confirm me in thy true faith. Endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience. In all my adversity, sweet Jesu say, 'Amen'.

Henry Loosemore (c 1600–70)

All stand as the COLLEGIATE PROCESSION *enters Quire.*

The officiant says a SENTENCE *of Scripture.*

All remain standing. The officiant 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.

William Smith (1603–45)

All sit. The choir sings PSALM 27:

The Lord is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

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.

John Pratt (1772–1855)

All sit for the FIRST LESSON: 2 Chronicles 1: 1–13

read by The Reverend David Stanton, Canon in Residence

The Congregation remains seated. Members of the Collegiate Body stand for the INSTALLATION.

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster assembles at the east end of Quire to receive the Canon-designate.

The Canon-designate is conducted from the Jericho Parlour of the Deanery by the Precentor and the Deputy Receiver General to the east end of Quire.

The Chapter Clerk presents The Queen's Grant and Mandamus to the Dean, who returns them to the Chapter Clerk and directs him to read them.

Her Majesty's Grant and Mandamus having been read, the Chapter Clerk hands to the Canon-designate the Latin Declaration, which the Canon-designate then reads aloud. The Reverend Anthony Ball says:

Ego, Anthony Ball, Deo teste promitto ac spondeo me veram Christi religionem omni animo amplexurum, Scripturae auctoritatem hominum judiciis praepositurum, regulam vitae et summam fidei ex verbo Dei petiturum, caetera quae ex verbo Dei non probantur pro humanis habiturum; auctoritatem Regiam in omnibus summam estimaturum; et contrarias verbo Dei opiniones omni voluntate ac mente refutaturum; vera consuetis, scripta non scriptis, in religionis causa antehabaturum.

Deinde me omnia hujus Collegii statuta, jura, libertates, privilegia, praescriptiones, ritus, et consuetudines laudabiles, quae ad me pertinebunt, servaturum. Praeterea me huic Collegio fidelem futurum, nullum ei damnum aut incommodum allaturum, aliorum consilia, coitiones, conjurationes, facta, et dicta quae detrimentum aut infamiam Collegio inferant, repulsurum. Secreta Capituli me non revelaturum: tum Decano, tum Capitulo in omnibus legitimis honestisque morem gesturum, et dignam debitamque legibus et statutis omnibus reverentiam exhibiturum. Tres menses integros per annum in hoc Collegio residentiam servaturum; neque ullam unquam dispensationem contra hoc meum juramentum quaesiturum, aut ab aliis quaesitam aut ablatam accepturum, aut antehac mihi indulta usurum.

Denique me omnia mihi imposita a Decano et Capitulo munera suscepturum, eaque summa cum diligentia et fide administraturum. Haec omnia in me recipio, Deoque teste me sedulo facturum promitto ac spondeo; tactis sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliiis.

I, Anthony Ball, calling God to witness, promise and vow that I will embrace the true religion of Christ with my whole heart, that I will set the authority of Scripture before the judgments of men, that I will seek the rule of life, and the whole of faith from the word of God, and all other things which are not proved by the word of God I will hold to be merely human. That I will hold the authority of The Queen to be supreme in all things and I will oppose with my whole will and mind opinions contrary to the word of God. That in the cause of religion I will prefer truth to custom, written law to unwritten law.

Moreover that I will preserve all the statutes of this College, as also the rights, liberties, prescribed privileges, ceremonials, and praiseworthy customs, so far as they concern me. Also that I will be faithful to this College and will bring upon it no harm or hurt. That I will repel all counsels, plots, conspiracies, deeds, and words of others which may bring damage or disgrace upon the College. That I will not reveal the secrets of the Chapter. Moreover that I will obey both Dean and Chapter in all lawful and honourable things, and that I will show worthy and due reverence to all laws and statutes. That I will keep residence in the College three full months in the year; nor will I seek any dispensation contrary to this my oath or accept one sought or offered by others, or make use of one granted to me before this.

Finally that I will undertake all duties imposed on me by the Dean and Chapter, and perform the same with the greatest diligence and good faith. All these things I take upon myself, and calling God to witness promise and vow that I will faithfully perform, holding in my hand the Holy Gospels of God.

The Canons of Westminster and other members of the Collegiate Body return to their stalls. The Dean takes The Reverend Anthony Ball by the hand and leads him to the vacant stall, and after placing him therein says:

Cape hanc sedem, ut Dei gloriam tua auctoritate et exemplo illustres, et Corpus Christi in hac ecclesia aedificandum diligenter cures: quod ut efficaciter praestes, Spiritus Sancti gratiam tibi largiatur Dominus. **Amen.**

Take this stall that you may set forth the glory of God by your authority and example and make it your chief concern to build up the Body of Christ in this church; and that you may the more effectively perform this, may the Lord endow you bountifully with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Dean says:

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant Anthony is constituted Canon of this Collegiate Church: give unto him such a measure of thy grace, that what he hath here openly promised, and whatsoever his office doth demand, he may most faithfully perform, to the praise and glory of thy name and the enlargement of thy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

All stand. The choir sings MAGNIFICAT:

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
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) in B flat

St Luke 1: 46–55

*All sit for the SECOND LESSON: St Mark 12: 18–27
read by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster*

All stand. The choir sings NUNC DIMITTIS:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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 in B flat

St Luke 2: 29–32

All face east and say together the APOSTLES' 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 officiant and choir sing the LESSER LITANY, the LORD'S PRAYER, and the RESPONSES:

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

All kneel or sit.

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.

The officiant sings the COLLECTS; of the Day, for Peace, and for Aid against all perils:

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

William Smith

The officiant 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, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, 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 brotherhood of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. Amen.

All sit. The choir sings the ANTHEM:

O clap your hands, all ye people : shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible : he is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout : the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God : sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises every one that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King; sing praises.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Psalm 47: 1–2, 5–8

All kneel or remain seated for the INTERCESSIONS.

At the end of the intercessions all say:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13: 13

All stand to sing the HYMN:



O praise ye the Lord!
praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord,
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story
of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen, amen.

Laudate Dominum 427 NEH
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)
from *Hear my words, ye people*

Henry Baker (1821–77)
after *Psalm 150*

All remain standing for the BLESSING.

Music after the service:

Tocatta and Fugue in D minor BWV 538

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The Collegiate Procession moves to the west end of the Church.

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

The Dean conducts the new Canon to the Jerusalem Chamber, places him in a seat at the table, and says:

Cape hanc item sedem in domo Capitulari, ut fideliter tractes negotia huius Ecclesiae Collegiatae ad Dei gloriam et totius Collegii omniumque eius partium salutarem conservationem: quod ut efficaciter praestes, Spiritus Sancti gratiam tibi semper largiatur Dominus. Amen.

Take also this seat in the Chapter House that you may faithfully conduct the business of this Collegiate Church to the glory of God and for the safe keeping of the College both in its entirety and in all its parts; and that you may the more effectively perform this, may the Lord endow you bountifully with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Next Sunday:

11th September SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.00 am **Matins***

The Reverend Professor Vernon White
Canon in Residence

11.15 am **Sung Eucharist***

The Reverend David Stanton
Canon Treasurer and Almoner

3.00 pm **Evensong with Admission of Choristers***

The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot
Minor Canon and Sacrist

5.45 pm **Organ Recital**

Charles Wooler
Organist, St John the Baptist, Newcastle upon Tyne

6.30 pm **Evening Service**

The Reverend Jonathan Coore
Priest Vicar

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