

Westminster Abbey



A Service to Commemorate the Life of Florence Nightingale



Wednesday 11th May 2016
6.30 pm

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The Florence Nightingale Foundation is a living memorial to Florence Nightingale. In its activities it

- advances the study of nursing, and promotes excellence in nursing practice
- raises funds to provide scholarships for nurses and midwives to study at home and abroad, to promote innovation in practice, and to extend knowledge and skill to meet changing needs
- promotes the special contribution of nursing to society, and to the health of people
- encourages international understanding and learning between nurses and midwives

The service is held annually as close as possible to 12th May, to commemorate Florence Nightingale's birthday—now International Nurses Day.

PROCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICE

The Adjutant and Chelsea Pensioners participate in memory of and in gratitude to Florence Nightingale for her care of the troops—their predecessors—during the Crimean Campaign.

The Honorary Officers who process are representing 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. Their endeavours pay constant tribute to the inspiration and example of Florence Nightingale and her great achievements.

The Honorary Officers of the Foundation are: Sir Robert Francis QC, Patron; The Baroness Emerton of Tunbridge Wells DBE DL, President; The Right Honourable The Lord Remnant CVO, Bryan Wilson, and Theo Noel Smith, Vice-Presidents; Mary Spinks CBE, and Geoffrey Walker OBE, Honorary Vice-Presidents; Bryan Sanderson CBE, Chairman; Richard Beazley DL, Vice-Chairman; and Dr Colin Reeves CBE, Honorary Treasurer.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation Chairs in Clinical Nursing Practice Research process. Their participation exemplifies Florence Nightingale's use of research to inform National and International policy and practice, and to improve health and wellbeing for both patients and the public.

They are represented by Professor Vivien Coates, Chair at Ulster University and the Western Health and Social Care Trust; Professor Bridget Johnston, Chair at the University of Glasgow and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Professor Christi Deaton, Chair at University of Cambridge and Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Professor Lesley Baillie, Chair at London South Bank University and University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Professor Debbie Carrick-Sen, Chair at University of Birmingham and Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust.

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 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 Steven Spencer (RN), Queen's Honorary Nursing Sister, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service; Colonel Karen Irvine RRC L/QARANC, Chief Nursing Officer (Army) and Head of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps; and Group Captain Michael Priestley, Director of Nursing Service (RAF) and Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

The Lamp was given by Sir Dan Mason OBE in memory of his mother, Kathleen Dampier-Bennett, and is kept in the Florence Nightingale Chapel. This year the Lamp will be carried by Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Tracey Wrench. The Lamp party will be escorted by student nurses and midwives from Northumbria University. On arrival before the High Altar, the Lamp will be handed to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Nichole McIntosh. She will pass the Lamp to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Lacey Swann.

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 phones, pagers, 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 Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist.

Music before the service:

Elegiac Romance *John Ireland (1879–1962)*

Andante from Sonata in G Op 28 *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

Prière *César Franck (1822–90)*

The Adjutant and Chelsea Pensioners move from the west end of the Abbey Church to their places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

The Honorary Officers of The Florence Nightingale Foundation move to their places in Quire. All remain seated.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation Chairs in Clinical Nursing Practice Research move to their places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and she is conducted to her place in Quire. All stand, and then sit.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The choir sings at the Great West Door

THE INTROIT

Isat down under his shadow with great delight,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Song of Solomon 2: 3b–4

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession
moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium*



ALL people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Old Hundredth 334 NEH
Genevan Psalter 1551

Psalm 100
versified by William Kethe (d 1594)

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. Professor Jean White, Chief Nursing Officer for Wales and Nurse Director of Wales, reads from the Great Lectern

ISAIAH 42: 5–9

THUS says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

All remain seated. The choir sings:

UBI caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Wherever charity and love are to be found, God is there. The love of Christ has brought us together as one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God; and let us love one another with sincerity in our heart. Amen.

Maurice Duruflé (1902–86)

Antiphon for Maundy Thursday

All remain seated. Cecilia Anim, President of the Royal College of Nursing, reads from the Nave Pulpit

1 ST PETER 3: 8–12a

FINALLY, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For ‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



LEAD us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

*Mannheim 393 NEH
from Friedrich Filitz's Choralbuch 1847*

James Edmeston (1791–1867)

All remain standing for

THE PROCESSION OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR

The British Commonwealth Nurses' Roll of Honour is borne in silence from the Grave of the Unknown Warrior through to the High Altar.

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 Bearer of the Roll, Naval Nurse (Student) Hannah Phillimore, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, 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:

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 remain standing to 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
Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859–1918)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Baroness Emerton of Tunbridge Wells DBE DL
President of The Florence Nightingale Foundation

All remain seated for

THE PROCESSION OF THE LAMP

The Lamp is carried by Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Tracey Wrench. The Lamp Party is escorted by student nurses and midwives from Northumbria University.

On arrival in the Sacarium, the Lamp will be handed to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Nichole McIntosh. She will pass the Lamp to Florence Nightingale Foundation Scholar Lacey Swann. 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. It is then offered to the Dean, who places it on the High Altar.

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

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

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

John Rutter (b 1945)

Folllott Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917)

All kneel or remain seated for

THE INTERCESSIONS

The Precentor says:

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

WE give thanks for the life and work of Florence Nightingale, and for the lives of those she inspired to serve others in showing care and compassion. We pray for the continued work of The Florence Nightingale Foundation and for the significant contribution to clinical care made by its scholars.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Professor Elizabeth Robb OBE, Chief Executive, The Florence Nightingale Foundation, says:

WE give thanks for all those who provide leadership in the care of the frail, elderly, or terminally ill; for all who experience pain, and for those who live with a disability.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Ben Gummer MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Quality at the Department of Health, says:

WE pray for all who promote health and wellbeing in policy and practice; for nurses who care for the sick, both in hospital and at home; for nurses in training and for those who teach them; for all engaged in research; and for those who, through their office, seek to ensure the flourishing of all people.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lavinia Wallop MBE says:

WE pray for all those who promote healthcare within the Armed Forces, remembering especially those currently serving in theatres of conflict, and 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 Professor Vernon White, 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; for all who continue to live with the scars of war, with 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 joys 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*



MINE eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory, &c.

I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps:
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
his day is marching on.
Glory, glory, &c.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
While God is marching on.

Battle-Hymn of the Republic 242 H&P
traditional American melody
collected and edited by William Steffe (1830–90)

Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

THE God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith; 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 as the Procession moves to the west end of the Abbey Church.

Music after the service:

Allegro maestoso e vivace
from Sonata in B flat Op 65 no 4

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

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

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation wishes to thank
Northumbria University for their support on this occasion.



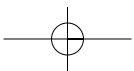
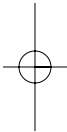
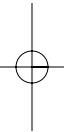
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