

# Westminster Abbey



## Evensong

*in the presence of*

His All-Holiness Bartholomew I  
Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome,  
and Ecumenical Patriarch

*and*

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby  
Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Primate of All England and Metropolitan

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

5.00 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 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 phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.*

**Large-print** orders of service are available from the vergers.

### **The International Commission for the Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue**

Anglican-Orthodox dialogue began in 1973, when the Anglican-Orthodox Joint Doctrinal Discussions (A/OJDD) group held its first meeting in Oxford. The first phase of the dialogue was concluded by the publication of *The Moscow Agreed Statement* in 1976. The publication of *The Dublin Agreed Statement* in 1984 brought its second phase to a conclusion. Both statements recorded a measure of agreement on a range of specific topics, while acknowledging continuing divergence on others.

The third phase of the dialogue began in 1989, when the commission was re-constituted as The International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue (ICAOTD) under the co-chairmanship of the Metropolitan John (Zizioulas) of Pergamon and Bishop Henry Hill (succeeded in 1990 by Bishop Mark Dyer). It

drew together senior clergy and theologians from across the Eastern Orthodox Churches and the Anglican Communion. The publication of *The Church of the Triune God: The Cyprus Agreed Statement* concluded the third phase of the Anglican-Orthodox international theological dialogue.

The ICAOTD began its fourth phase in 2009, under the co-chairmanship Archbishop Roger Herft and Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia. In September 2015 the ICAOTD completed its first agreed statement, 'In the Image and Likeness of God: A Hope-Filled Anthropology'. The product of six years of study and dialogue, the text celebrates what Anglicans and Orthodox can say together about the human person, created in 'the Image and Likeness of God'. The present text will form the theological foundation for forthcoming work on moral discernment from 2016, initially around issues of the beginning and end of life.

Worship at Westminster Abbey has been a regular feature of recent visits of the Ecumenical Patriarch to the Archbishop of Canterbury. They have been important occasions expressing the shared faith of the two Churches in Christ and the importance of our witness to the Gospel in our world. In 2007 His Grace Dr Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, and His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew attended Evensong and prayed together at the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor. Within today's service the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Ecumenical Patriarch will again pray together at the Shrine and will receive a copies of the agreed statement 'In the Image and Likeness of God: A Hope-Filled Anthropology' from the co-chairmen of ICAOTD.

### **The Common Statement**

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Grace The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England, first met at the Phanar, Istanbul, on 13<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> January 2014; their first meeting since The Most Reverend Justin Welby was enthroned as the Archbishop of Canterbury. The meeting took place in an atmosphere of friendship and warmth. Both leaders agreed to focus on the continuation of close relations, the importance of the ongoing theological dialogue, and the commitment of the Anglican Communion and the Orthodox Church for greater cooperation in common witness in an increasingly secular and pluralistic world, particularly in Europe. They expressed concern for the injustice in many parts of the world and prayed especially for the poor, the oppressed, and those caught in war, for peace and justice in the entire world, particularly in the Middle East, but also in other parts of the globe, and for the two Churches to be sustained by the help and joy of Jesus Christ. They further agreed to explore avenues for raising greater awareness of environmental issues as well as upholding Christian values of human dignity and religious rights.

*Before the service a procession of past and present members of the International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue moves to places in the South Lantern. All remain seated.*

## Order of Service

*The choir sings*

### THE INTROIT

**T**HE glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

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. Alleluia!

*Gabriel Jackson (b 1962)*

*opening response at Evening Prayer*

*All stand to sing*

### THE HYMN

*during which the procession of choir and clergy  
and suites of the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Archbishop of Canterbury  
moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium*



**T**HE God of Abram praise  
Who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love:  
To him uplift your voice,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth we rise and seek the joys  
At his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,  
The Lord our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world of sin,  
The Prince of Peace:  
On Sion's sacred height  
His kingdom he maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light  
For ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One  
They all exulting stand,  
And tell the wonders he has done  
Throughout the land:  
The listening spheres attend,  
And swell the growing fame,  
And sing in songs which never end  
The wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry  
'Almighty King!  
Who was, and is the same,  
And evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM,  
We worship thee.'

The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high:  
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost',  
They ever cry:  
Hail, Abram's God and mine!  
(I join the heavenly lays.)  
All might and majesty are thine,  
And endless praise.

*Leoni 148 NEH*  
*traditional Hebrew melody*

*Thomas Olivers (1725–99)*  
*based on the Hebrew Yigdal*

THE PROCESSION

The Choir of Westminster Abbey

*The Cross of Westminster and Lights*

The Reverend Mark Birch  
*Minor Canon and Chaplain*

The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot  
*Minor Canon and Sacrist*

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz  
*Minor Canon and Precentor*

*The Banner of St Edward the Confessor*

*Canons' Verger*

The Reverend Professor Vernon White  
*Canon Theologian*

The Reverend David Stanton  
*Canon Treasurer and Almoner*

The Venerable Andrew Tremlett  
*Sub-Dean and Rector of St Margaret's*

*Dean's Verger*

The Most Reverend and Right  
Honourable Justin Welby  
*Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Primate of All England and Metropolitan*

His All-Holiness Bartholomew I  
*Archbishop of Constantinople-  
New Rome, and  
Ecumenical Patriarch*

The Reverend Dr Jo Wells  
*Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury*

Deacon Theodoros Meïmaris  
*Patriarchal Deacon*

The Right Reverend and Right  
Honourable Dr Richard Chartres KCVO  
*Bishop of London*

His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios  
of Thyateira and Great Britain

The Most Reverend Roger Herft  
*Co-Chair, ICAOTD*

His Excellency Metropolitan  
Kallistos of Diokleia  
*Co-Chair, ICAOTD*

The Right Reverend Nigel Stock  
*Bishop at Lambeth*

The Reverend Archdeacon  
Dr John Chryssavgis

The Right Reverend Dr Robert Innes  
*Bishop in Europe*

The Right Reverend David Hamid  
*Suffragan Bishop in Europe*

The Right Reverend Jonathan Goodall  
*Bishop of Ebbsfleet*

The Reverend Canon  
Dr Leslie Nathaniel  
*Archbishop of Canterbury's Apokrisarios  
to The Ecumenical Patriarch*

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall  
*Dean of Westminster*

The Queen's Almsmen

*All remain standing as the Dean gives*

## THE WELCOME

*The officiant and the 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*

## PSALMS 3 and 4

**L**ORD, how are they increased that trouble me : many are they that rise against me.  
Many one there be that say of my soul : There is no help for him in his God.  
But thou, O Lord, art my defender : thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.  
I did call upon the Lord with my voice : and he heard me out of his holy hill.  
I laid me down and slept, and rose up again : for the Lord sustained me.  
I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people : that have set themselves against  
me round about.  
Up, Lord, and help me, O my God : for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-  
bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.  
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord : and thy blessing is upon thy people.  
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.

*anonymous*

**H**EAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say : Who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*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.

*Walford Davies (1869–1941)*

*All sit. The Venerable Andrew Tremlett, Canon in Residence, reads*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18: 21–end



*All stand. The choir sings*

## MAGNIFICAT

*during which the high altar, the focal point of  
the eucharistic worship of the Abbey, is censed*

*Interpolated antiphon:* Greater in honour than the cherubim, and glorious incomparably more than the seraphim; thou who inviolate didst bring forth God the Word, and art indeed the Mother of God: thee do we magnify.

**M**Y 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.

*John Tavener (1944–2013)*  
Collegium Regale

*St Luke 1: 46–55*

*All sit. The Dean reads*

## THE SECOND LESSON

St Matthew 18: 12–20

*All stand. The choir sings*

NUNC DIMITTIS

**L**ORD, 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.

*John Tavener*  
Collegium Regale

*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

**T**HE 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.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR 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.

### THE RESPONSES

**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, for Aid against all perils*

**L**ORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; 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*

*All sit. The choir sings*

THE ANTHEM

**B**EATI mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt. Beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur. Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter iustitiam quoniam ipsorum est regnum caelorum.

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*William Byrd (c 1540–1623)  
Gradualia 1605*

*St Matthew 5: 8–10*

*The Co-Chairmen of the International Commission for the Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue present the Archbishop and Patriarch with copies of 'In the Image and Likeness of God: A Hope-Filled Anthropology'.*

*The Archbishop and the Patriarch give*

## THE ADDRESS

*The choir sings*

## THE MOTET

*during which the Dean conducts the Archbishop and the Patriarch  
with their suites to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor*

**O** NATA lux de lumine  
Jesu Redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum  
laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi  
dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici  
tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of light,  
Jesus Redeemer of the world:  
deign to hear the prayers and praises  
of those who kneel before you.*

*You who once deigned to take flesh  
for the sake of those who were lost:  
make us members  
of your blessed body.*

*Thomas Tallis (c 1505–85)  
Cantiones sacrae 1575*

*anonymous, 10<sup>th</sup> century*

*The officiant says:*

Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit for*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

*At the end of the intercessions, all say together*

### A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to  
make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two  
or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests:  
Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most  
expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the  
world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our life, to God the Holy and  
Undivided Trinity, praying together:

**T**HE 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

*during which the Dean conducts the Archbishop and the Patriarch  
with their suites to their places in the Sacrarium*



**T**HE Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy Bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore opprest,  
By schisms rent assunder,  
By heresies distrest,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

*Aurelia 167 NEH*  
*Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)*

*484 NEH*  
*Samuel Stone (1839–1900)*

*At the invitation of the Dean, the Archbishop and the Patriarch pronounce*

### THE BLESSING

*All remain standing until the choir and clergy have departed.*

*Music after the service:*

Prelude and Fugue in A BWV 536

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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