

NOTE FOR THE FILEVE Day Service at Westminster Abbey

Mr Pullen, of the Chapter Office, has written with an Order of Service which explains that the Prime Minister should arrive at the Great West Door, at 11.07 am, to be greeted by the Dean and conducted to her stall in Quire.

I have alerted Mr Pullen that the Prime Minister may be accompanied by Mr Alison and Mr Thatcher. I spoke to Jeremy Wright, MoD, and told him who would be in the Prime Minister's party. He will be letting me know if there are any difficulties. I shall then ask the Prime Minister to confirm that Mr Thatcher will also be going, in view of the general no-spouse policy.

MoD will also be supplying a list of all those attending, particularly Cabinet Ministers, and a seating plan. The Order of Service indicates which Royals will be attending.

The detectives are already in touch with the Chapter Office about security.

The Chapter Office will be sending me a note on the arrangements for leaving the Abbey. The procedure will be reverse for the order of arrival. The clergy procession will lead off, followed by the Royals, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and then the Prime Minister. Civilians will be in morning dress or dark lounge suits. Officers in ceremonial day dress, no swords but with decorations and medals.

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Mark Addison

1 May 1985

Prime Minister

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THE DEANERY

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

LONDON SW1P 3PA

17 May '85

My dear Prime Minister.

May I personally and on behalf of all my colleagues thank you most warmly for your kind, indeed most generous words, concerning the VE Day Service here at the Abbey. That you should find time to write in so busy a life is, I can assure you, much appreciated. I am circulating your letter to our Staff and I know it will give them great pleasure and satisfaction.

It is encouraging to know that you yourself felt that the particular form of service we adopted measured up to this significant occasion and gave expression

to, and faithfully interpreted, a national mood at its best within the context of Christian belief. All of us regarded it as a great privilege to be asked to undertake this Service and are gratified by the number of letters we have received commenting favourably on its style and content.

With my renewed thanks - and best wishes.

Yours most sincerely
Edmund Carpenter



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MO 27/5/1

7th May 1985

Dear Mark,

VE DAY SERVICE

/ We spoke. I attach a list of the Ministers and Parliamentarians who will be attending the VE Day service at Westminster Abbey. As I mentioned to you, an invitation has also been issued to Mr Thatcher.

yours ever,

Jeremy

(J S WRIGHT)
Private Secretary

Mark Addison Esq
10 Downing Street

ORDER OF SERVICE

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A fanfare is sounded. The Congregation stands.

8 MAY

END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR SERVICE INVITATION LIST

Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP

Rt Hon Viscount Whitelaw PC MC

Rt Hon Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone PC CH FRS DL

Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP

Rt Hon Nigel Lawson MP

Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph Bt MP

Rt Hon Peter Walker OBE MP

Rt Hon Leon Brittan QC MP

Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP

Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP

Rt Hon Patrick Jenkin MP

Rt Hon John Biffen MP

Rt Hon Norman Fowler MP

Rt Hon Peter Rees QC MP

Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP

Rt Hon Earl Gowrie PC

Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham PC

Rt Hon John Stanley MP

Rt Hon Adam Butler MP

Ian Gow Esq TD MP

Tony Newton Esq OBE MP

Rt Hon Lord Trefgarne

John Lee Esq MP

Rt Hon Bernard Weatherill MP
Rt Hon Earl of Stockton OM PC
Rt Hon Edward Heath MBE MP
Rt Hon Neil Kinnock MP
Rt Hon David Steel MP
Rt Hon Dr David Owen MP
Dafydd Elis Thomas Esq MP
Rt Hon Donald Stewart MP
Rt Hon Baroness Trumpington
Rt Hon Lord Glenarthur
James Kilfedder Esq MP
Rt Hon Sir Michael Havers QC MP
Rt Hon John Wakeham MP
Rt Hon Baroness Young PC
Richard Luce Esq MP
Giles Shaw Esq MP
Rt Hon Michael Alison MP
Rt Hon Earl of Caithness

I remember the thrill and relief after the previous day's waiting for the Prime Minister's announcement of the end of the War in Europe. My parents went out on the Balcony in response to the huge crowds outside. I think we went on the Balcony nearly every hour, six times, and then when the excitement of the floodlights being switched on got through to us, my sister and I realised we couldn't see what the crowds were enjoying. My mother had put her tiara on for the occasion, so we asked my parents if we could go out and see for ourselves. I remember we were terrified of being recognised, so I pulled my uniform cap well down over my eyes. A grenadier officer amongst our party of about 16 people said he refused to be seen in the company of another officer improperly dressed, so I had to put my cap on normally. We cheered the King and Queen on the Balcony and then walked miles through the streets. I remember lines of unknown people linking arms and walking down Whitehall, all of us just swept along on a tide of happiness and relief. I remember the amazement of my cousin, just back from four and a half years in a Prisoner of War camp, walking freely with his family in the friendly throng. And I also remember when someone exchanged hats with a Dutch sailor, the poor man coming along with us in order to get his cap back. After crossing Green Park we stood outside and shouted "We want the King", and we were successful in seeing my parents on the Balcony, having cheated slightly because we sent a message into the house to say we were waiting outside. I think it was one of the most memorable nights of my life.

(This piece was with Godfrey Talbot (ex-BBC Court Correspondent) - please credit)



10 DOWNING STREET

Note for VE Day / 8 May file.

I told MoD to plan on the basis that DT, MA would be accompanying the PM. The PM has not yet, however, to confirm this.

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D. R.

CF
For your file psc.

2.5.85

PRIME MINISTER

VE DAY SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

You are attending the VE Day Service at the Abbey on Wednesday at 1100. Mr Thatcher and Mr Alison are due to accompany you, and places are being reserved for them.

Mr Thatcher, however, need not think it obligatory to attend because others being invited to the Service are going without their spouses.

Could you let me know please whether Mr Thatcher wishes to go?

Yes no

Mark Addison

Mark Addison

1 May 1985



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W. R. J. Pullen, C.V.O., J.P., LL.B., F.C.I.S.

Our Ref.

Your Ref.

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Prime Minister ⁴
You may like
to see.
FEBB
25.4

23 April 1985

The Rt. Hon. Michael Alison
No. 10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Am'd
25/4 MA

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Dear Mr. ~~Alison~~,

With reference to our recent conversation, I now enclose as promised a copy of the latest draft of the Order of Service for the Special Service in Westminster Abbey at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 8 May to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. No doubt the Prime Minister will be interested to see this.

The Order of Service has been produced after full consultation with representatives of the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Church, the Free Church Federal Council, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Chaplain and the Chaplain General to the Forces.

I expect you will have already been informed by the Ministry of Defence that the Dean and Chapter do not propose to ask for financial compensation from the Government for loss of income arising from the closure of the Abbey for final preparations and rehearsals on 7 May or for the closure on 8 May. We will however be asking the BBC and Thames Television for compensation in respect of loss of income arising from the closure on Monday 6 May (Public Holiday) and the afternoon of Wednesday 8 May when they will be de-rigging.

Yours sincerely,

W.R.J. Pullen
Receiver General

Enc. P.S. I had already altered my copy of the draft with some additions I knew about and some suggestions I included for the Dean's consideration. There is to be a meeting here tomorrow afternoon to finalise it. RP

Latest Proof
19/5/85 possible
subject to further
amendments.

Westminster Abbey



SERVICE
TO
COMMEMORATE
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
END OF THE
SECOND WORLD WAR

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 1985
11.30 A.M.

This Service combines a number of different notes or themes which are expressed both in words and in symbolic actions.

In our prayers it is impossible specifically to mention all for whom we wish to pray. During periods of silence you are given the opportunity to remember before God your own particular concerns.

Among our thanksgivings on this day, the fortieth anniversary of the end of the War in Europe, we express our gratitude to God for victory granted to us; for the courage and self-sacrifice of our own people and those of other nations through whom that victory was won; and for those who died that we might live.

In our prayers for reconciliation and healing we remember others as well as ourselves, especially all those who because of the War lost their health and their prospects. We pray that we may strive to promote the freedoms which they fought to preserve.

In our acts of penitence and dedication we look back with sorrow for our past faults and failures and to the future with renewed determination to play our part in forwarding God's loving purposes of freedom and prosperity for all peoples.

Our words will be illuminated and expressed in symbol and ceremonial.

A procession in which representatives of different Churches walk side by side symbolizes reconciliation. The standards of the Royal British Legion, followed by representatives of the community, symbolize loyalty to a common cause and remind us that the wellbeing of all depends upon the dedication of each to the service of God and one another. Flowers of many kinds and colours are reminders of the rich diversity and interdependence of the peoples of the world. In the dance the young people and their garlands are symbols of life renewed, bringing a vision of hope. Candles around the grave of the Unknown Warrior remind us that the supreme sacrifice made by the dead shines as a light and an inspiration to us who follow them. Other candles, carried by Christian leaders, remind us that in our lives we are called to witness to Christ, the Light of the World, Who on the Cross triumphed over the powers of darkness and offers to the world new life and hope.

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A fanfare is sounded.

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The Procession of the Archbishop of Canterbury together with the Senior Chaplains of the Services and the Representatives of other Churches of Great Britain and Northern Ireland moves to places in the Sacrarium in the following order:

~~The Army Chaplain General, The Venerable~~

~~The Chaplain of the Fleet~~
GENERAL, ARMY
THE VENERABLE FRANK JOHNSTON CB QHC

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
~~The Chaplain in Chief, Chaplain~~
OF THE FLEET
THE REVEREND WILLIAM TAYLOR BHC

THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF
ROYAL AIR FORCE
THE VENERABLE GLYN RENOWDEN QHC

The Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council
The Reverend Tudor Jones D.D.

Signature

His Eminence Basil Hume
Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster

The Right Reverend John M.K. Paterson
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

The Primateal Cross

The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan

THE REVEREND MALCOLM WEISMAN C.F. SENIOR JEWISH CHAPLAIN TO HER MAJESTY'S FORCES

(IN FULL)

Their Majesties, and Their Royal Highnesses, and the Procession of the Collegiate Body, move from the West End of the Church to places in the Lantern and Sacrarium.

A fanfare is sounded and all sing.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness with the Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and His Royal Highness Prince Edward

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.

Not on this land alone—
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family,
The wide world o'er.

All sit for the Dean to give

THE BIDDING

WE meet to give thanks to God our Father for the ending of a war which brought liberation from tyranny; and in the light of this achievement, purchased at an incalculable cost, we pledge ourselves to create a future worthy of the sacrifices which made this future possible. Though not forgetting those things which are behind, woven as they are into the fabric of a past history, we yet, in their aftermath, look forward in faith and hope to the years ahead, determined, under God and through his grace, to build a better and more loving world. Challenges are opportunities; dangers are to be met by defiance; failure of nerve by resolution of will.

Such is the spirit of this service: May God's blessing rest upon us as we unite in a common cause – and upon those whom we honour today with pride, gratitude and affection.

THANKSGIVING

All stand to sing the Hymn during which the Standards of the ^{MM}Royal Ex-Service Organisations followed by representatives of the whole community are borne from the West End of the Abbey and placed in the Sacarium.

The Union Standard

The Royal British Legion National Standard

The Royal Naval Association
National Standard

The Royal Air Force Association
National Standard

The Royal British Legion
Scotland National Standard

The Royal British Legion Women's
Section National Standard

A War Widow

A Victoria Cross Holder

A Royal Naval Rating

A Member of the Land Army

A Member of the Women's
Royal Voluntary Service

An Airman

A Fireman

A Representative of Industry

A Policeman

An Ambulanceman

A Merchant Seaman

A Soldier

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
John Goss (1800-1880)

Psalm 103
H.F. Lyte (1793-1847)

All remain standing for the Prayers of Thanksgiving led by The Right Reverend John M.K. Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

LET us give thanks to Almighty God, who created, and preserves us day by day, who in Christ has triumphed over evil and death, and whose Spirit abides with us to inspire, to guide and to support.

In particular we offer our thanksgiving:

for the ending, forty years ago, of the Second World War in Europe and the Far East.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For those who, counting their lives not dear unto themselves, made the supreme sacrifice that others might live in freedom.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the self-giving, heroism and courage of those who fought in the armed services; for those who served the community in civil defence, in hospitals and relief agencies; who worked in factories, on the land, or at sea.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the sober satisfaction when hostilities ceased of duty done, a tyranny overthrown, and captives liberated.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For acts of compassion and caring, relieving the violence of war, which shone through and illuminated days of darkness.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For dedication to a common cause and a sense of comradeship/shared by people in all walks of life.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the courage of those who still bear the scars of war; for the continuing fortitude of the bereaved; for the ex-service organizations and their work.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the founding of the United Nations, born out of the travail and heartache of war, to keep the peace and engender goodwill.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing and honour and glory and might be unto our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

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for own leaders?*

*and in the
Home Guard?*

and involvement?

All sit for the Commemoration of all those who died in the Second World War. The band plays Ceremonial Parade by Arthur Bliss.

Candles are lit at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior and are carried with the Procession of Leaders of Christian Churches from Continental Europe, the United States of America and Japan, through the Nave and Quire to be set before the High Altar.

SUPERINTENDENT EGGO HAFERMANN REPRESENTING
THE PROTESTANT CHURCH OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

SUPERINTENDENT WERNER KRÄTSCHELL REPRESENTING
THE PROTESTANT CHURCH OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC

Six Names and Titles

REPRESENTATIVE FROM JAPAN
MINISTER FROM HOLLAND

THE BISHOP OF BAYEUX
BISHOP PHILARET (MOSCOW)
A BISHOP FROM POLAND

THE MOST REVEREND JOHN M ALWIN PRESIDING
BISHOP AND PRIMATE OF THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH IN THE USA

As the Procession reaches the Sacrarium the Christian leaders from the British Isles move to greet their brethren and to escort them to places in the Sacrarium.

As a bell tolls all stand and the Army Chaplain General says:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we give thee humble thanks for the memory and good example of those who gave their lives in the service of their countries: we bless them for their courage and devotion, even unto death. Accept their sacrifice, we beseech thee; let it not be in vain that they have died: and in thy mercy send thy peace into the hearts of all men everywhere: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All remain standing to sing the Hymn

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And ~~of~~ defence is sure.

Our

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

St Anne
Supplement to the New Version 1708

Psalm 90
I. Watts (1674-1748)

PENITENCE

All sit for the First Lesson read by a Nurse.

ISAIAH 6, 1-8

IN the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of glory. And the posts of the door moved at the

voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

All kneel for the Prayers of Penitence, led by His Eminence Basil Hume, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

Let us in sincerity and truth seek the forgiveness of God:
for not keeping faith in days of peace with those died and for our not measuring up to the splendour of their sacrifice.

Lord in mercy,

Hear our prayer.

for our incapacity, at enormous price, to resolve our conflicts, between or within nations, by peaceful means and without resort to violence or the threat of violence

Lord in mercy,

Hear our prayer.

So in penitence we pray:

From fostering animosity, from prejudice, complacency, arrogance and self-righteousness.

Good Lord deliver us.

From selfish preoccupation with our own interests and indifference to the needs of others.

Good Lord deliver us.

Father, forgive what we have been,
sanctify what we are,
order what we shall be:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All sit for the Choir to sing the Anthem.

TURN back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways,
Old now is Earth, and none may count her days,
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim:
Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.
Age after age their tragic empires rise,
Built while they dream and in that dreaming weep.
Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep,
Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair and all her people one;
Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky
Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry:
Earth shall be fair and all her folk be one.

Old 124th

Genevan Psalter 1552

arranged by Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Clifford Bax (1886-1962)

RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

All sit for the Second Lesson, read by

Name

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus teaches forgiveness and reconciliation.

IF you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see

the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

St Matthew 5: 23-24, 43-45; 6:14-15; 7: 1-5, 12

All kneel for the Prayers of Reconciliation, led by the Reverend Dr. Tudur Jones, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

LET us turn to God opening our hearts to our fellow men so that in enmity to none and charity to all we may:

maintain the process of reconciliation with former enemies and find ways to restore our relationship with those who were our allies in way.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

That we may exchew the divisive evils of racial prejudice and fanaticisms whether political or religious.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

That we may work for peace, the peace that begets justice and the justice which fulfills itself in love, and in sacrificial self-giving.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Grant us grace, O Lord, to learn of thy judgments which overtake us when we set brother against brother and nation against nation. Give us wisdom and strength to fashion better instruments for our common life, so that we may dwell in concord under thy providence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand to sing the Hymn.

THY Kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime
Shall flee they face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
And come in thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name,
And wolves devour thy fold;
By many deeds of shame
We learn that love grows cold.

O'er this land and afar
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O morning star,
Arise, and never set!

St. Cecilia
L.G. Hayne (1836-83)

L. Hensley (1824-1905)

All sit for:

THE SERMON

by

M.C.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Robert Runcie / Archbishop of Canterbury,
Primate of all England and Metropolitan.

All stand to sing the Hymn.

FOR the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us raise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom,
from despair your world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
men may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas keeping man from man.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, creator-God, have written
your great name on all mankind;
For our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Mannheim
F. Filitz (1804-76)

Fred Kaan
(b.1929)

HOPE AND DEDICATION

All sit for the Third Lesson, read by His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. K E K T O M

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-8

REJOICE in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

All remain seated for the Processional Dance of Hope to the music of which culminates in the formation of a Cross of Flowers before the High Altar. During the Dance reads

TRULY, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. *St. John 12: 24*

HE shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. *Micah 4: 3, 4*

THE wolf shall dwell with the Lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. *Isaiah 11: 6, 9*

HE has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6: 8*

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *St. John 13: 34*

The Professional Dance ended all stand for the Reverend Alan Luff, Precentor and Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, to begin the Act of Dedication.

THIS world is God's world; his righteous will is our peace; his perfect Kingdom is our true Fatherland. Let us therefore rekindle in ourselves the vision without which the people perish; the undying hope that all God's children shall be one in a world made free and closer to the heart's desire.

Rabbi continues

Therefore we pledge ourselves to further its coming by our determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war

to make real our faith in the dignity and worth of the human person independent of class, colour, sex or creed,

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for treaty obligations can be maintained,

to promote better standards of life in larger freedoms,

to ensure that armed force shall not be used save in the common interest,

to accept a personal responsibility for the ordering of the common life of mankind.

I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the former things had passed away.

After a period of silence the Reverend Alan Luff, Precentor and Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, says:

O God, in whose will is our peace,
Grant us grace in all things
To know and to fulfill thy loving purposes,
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us sum up all our prayers and praises by saying together the words that Jesus taught us:

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name: thy kingdom come; they 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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All stand to sing the Hymn

CHRISt is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
The daystar clear and bright
of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
where'er men own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
from the sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

*Nun danket
J. Crüger (1598-1662)*

G.W. Briggs (1875-1959)

All kneel, for the Dean to give

THE BLESSING

All stand for the Choir to sing

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.

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

from the 'Collegium Regale' Service

All remain standing as the Procession return to the West End of the Church.

The Bells of the Abbey Church are now rung.

Music after the Service:

Members of the Congregation are asked to remain in their places until directed to move by the Stewards.