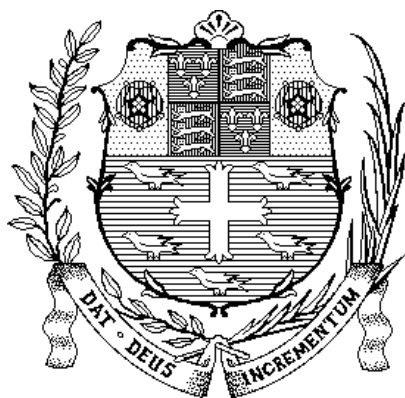


WESTMINSTER SCHOOL
LEAVERS' SERVICE



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Saturday 2 July 2005

5.00 pm

Music before the service

Simon McGregor

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand for

THE WELCOME

The Chaplain welcomes the Congregation and says:

AT this Leavers' service we meet, in the presence of almighty God, to give thanks for all that we have received at Westminster School, particularly our training in the virtues, both moral and intellectual, and to ask for God's blessing on those who are leaving.

Let us first keep silent, and reflect inwardly on all that our years here have taught us about truth and justice, charity, friendship, and respect for others. Let us reflect too on what the School has meant to us, and on how it has helped us to become what we are today.

A short period of silence is kept.

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

All remain standing for

GUIDE me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar,
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee.

*Cwm Rhondda
John Hughes (1873-1932)*

*W Williams (1717-91)
arr P & W Williams*

THE FIRST LESSON

Ithaka by C P Cavafy (1863-1933)

Read by John Reicher, Captain of the School

As you set out for Ithaka
hope your road is a long one,
full of adventure, full of discovery.
Laistrygonians, Cyclops,
angry Poseidon - don't be afraid of them:
you'll never find things like that on your way
as long as you keep your thoughts raised high,
as long as a rare excitement
stirs your spirit and your body.
Laistrygonians, Cyclops,
wild Poseidon - you won't encounter them
unless you bring them along inside your soul,
unless your soul sets them up in front of you.

Hope your road is a long one.
May there be many summer mornings when,
with what pleasure, what joy,
you enter harbours you're seeing for the first time;
may you stop at Phoenician trading stations
to buy fine things,
mother of pearl and coral, amber and ebony,
sensual perfume of every kind -
as many sensual perfumes as you can;
and may you visit many Egyptian cities
to learn and go on learning from their scholars.

Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Arriving there is what you're destined for.
But don't hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
so you're old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you've gained on the way,
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.
Ithaka gave you the marvellous journey.
Without her you wouldn't have set out.
She has nothing left to give you now.

And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have fooled you.
Wise as you will have become, so full of experience,
you'll have understood by then what these Ithakas mean.

All remain seated for the Remove Choir to sing

God be in my Head

H Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Horae BVM (Sarum) 1514

All remain seated for

THE SECOND LESSON

The Ninth Ode of the First Book of Horace, *tr* John Dryden OW (1631-1700)

Read by Eddie Smith

BEHOLD yon mountain's hoary height
Made higher with new mounts of snow;
Again behold the winter's weight
Oppress the lab'ring woods below:
And streams, with icy fetters bound,
Benumb'd and cramp't to solid ground.
With well-heap'd logs dissolve the cold,
And feed the genial hearth with fires;
Produce the wine, that makes us bold,
And sprightly wit and love inspires:
For what hereafter shall betide,
God, if 'tis worth his care, provide.
Let him alone, with what he made,
To toss and turn the world below;
At his command the storms invade;
The winds by his commission blow;
Till with a nod he bids 'em cease,
And then the calm returns, and all is peace.
To-morrow and her works defy,
Lay hold upon the present hour,
And snatch the pleasures passing by,
To put them out of fortune's pow'r:
Nor love, nor love's delights disdain;
Whate'er thou get'st to-day, is gain.
Secure those golden early joys,
That youth unsour'd with sorrow bears,
Ere with'ring time the taste destroys,
With sickness and unweildy years.
For active sports, for pleasing rest,
This is the time to be possest;
The best is but in season best.
Th' appointed hour of promis'd bliss,
The pleasing whisper in the dark,
The half unwilling willing kiss,
The laugh that guides thee to the mark,
When the kind nymph would coyneess feign,
And hides but to be found again;
These, these are joys the Gods for youth ordain.

The Chaplain says the School Prayer:

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father for our Foundress, Queen Elizabeth the First, and all other our benefactors, whose bounty Thou hast given us to enjoy.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, grace so to use Thy manifold blessings in our life here, that becoming profitable members of this church and nation, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Other prayers may be said.

All say together

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as 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
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!
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:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet 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.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Lauda anima
John Goss (1800-80)

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

Given by the Head Master

All stand to sing

AND did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake (1757-1827)

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918)

All remain standing for

THE BLESSING

given by the Dean

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you His peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Music after the service:

Fantasia in G Major (BWV 572)

J S Bach

RETIRING COLLECTION

Waterford Kamhlaba, United World College of Southern Africa, Swaziland was founded by the late Michael Stern in 1963. From small beginnings the school has risen to a position of prominence; first set against the iniquity of apartheid, it now has an outstanding record of academic achievement and service to the community. The collection today is to support Waterford's community service role which makes an important contribution to the people of Swaziland assisting in a range of projects including hospital orphan care, vision and hearing for primary students, working with juvenile offenders, community housing and child rescue work. This July two Westminster Sixth Formers are staying at Waterford for a month and they will be part of the school's community service role as well as benefiting from the personal growth experience that Waterford offers. The efforts of Waterford Kamhlaba (Siswati for "of the world", meaning a world in miniature) are so important in one of the poorest countries and one most deeply affected by HIV/AIDS. Nelson Mandela said, "Through the generosity of others, my children and grandchildren enjoyed the benefits of a Waterford education".

You are warmly invited to drinks in College Garden after the service.

Valete

Sarah Alexander
Adam Alfandary
Benjamin Arnold
Harvey Aspling-Jones
Philip Aspin
Adam Awan
Tomik Babayev
George Bacon
Felix Baden-Powell
Ji Whan Bang
Jenna Barclay
Lourenco Barsi Gomes
Edward Bataillard
Charlotte Baty
Nick Bernstein
Gaby Bishop
Lucie Bishop
Yusuf Blunt
Samuel Borin
Emma Bowers
Martin Briscoe-Wilson
Henrietta Brooks
Robin Burkill
Sophia Burns
Helena Bushman
Andrew Byrne
Oliver Champion-Awwad
Oliver Capel
Talei Cardona
Oriël Carew
Rohan Chapman
Ben Chesler
Christopher Clark
Joshua Cole
Tara Collins
Fabian Cook
Charles Cooke
Georgina Cox
Callum Cresswell
Peter Cullen
Edward Cumming
Ben Deanfield
Natalia Diaz
Ben Doeh
Aleks Domanski
Edward Eccles
Oliver Eccles
Alice Edgerley
Alex Edwards
Jenny Ellis Logan
Babak Eslamian
Jack Farchy
Uzma Faruqi
Jonathan Field
Jesse Fleminger
Benjamin Fletcher
Edward Franklin
Alexander Gabriele
Yavindran Ganeshamohan
Felix Garthwaite
Freddy Gaved
Julia Gibson
Paul Giladi
Tom Gill
Max Goldman
Edward Gore-Randall
Elle Graham-Dixon
James Green
Stephanie Greenwald
Nicholas Grosse
Guy Harper
Spencer Hayden
Andrew Heald
Henry Hepworth
Trevor Hines
Helen Hodges
Eleanor Howard
Timothy Hunter Jones
Charles Hutchinson
William Illingworth
William Irwin
Vikram Iyer
Louis Jagger
Mark Johnston
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Milly Ventress
Polly Walker
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