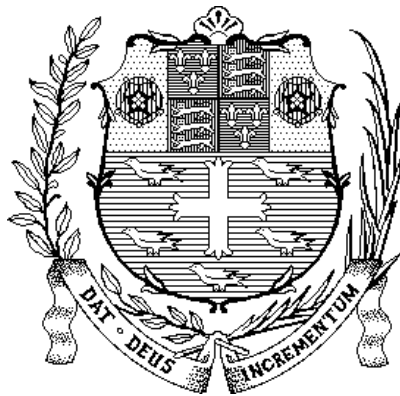


# WESTMINSTER SCHOOL LEAVERS' SERVICE



## WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Wednesday 2 July 2008

6:30 pm



*Music before the service*

*Simon McGregor*



IN THE SUMMERTIME

In the summer time when the weather is high  
You can stretch right up and touch the sky,  
When the weather's fine  
You got women, you got women on your mind.  
Have a drink, have a drive  
Go out and see what you can find.

If her Daddy's rich, take her out for a meal,  
If her Daddy's poor, just do what you feel.  
Speed along the lake, do a ton or do a ton an' twenty  
five.  
When the sun goes down  
You can make it, make it good...

We're not bad people, we're not dirty, we're not mean,  
We love everybody, but we do as we please.  
When the weather's fine, we go fishing or go  
swimming in the sea,  
We're always happy,  
Life's for livin', Yeah that's our philosophy.

Sing along with us, dee dee dee dee dee  
Da da da da da, yeah we're hap-pap-py.  
Da da da dee da doo dee da dee da dee da da,  
Da da da da da, dee da da dee da da.

When the winter's here, yeah it's party time,  
Bring a bottle, wear your bright clothes, 'coz it'll soon  
be summer time.  
And we'll sing again, we'll go driving or maybe we'll  
settle down,  
If she's rich, if she's nice, bring your friends and we'll  
all go into town.

*Ray Dorset*

*Performed by Mungo Jerry  
No 1 in UK Singles chart for seven weeks in summer of 1970*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand for the processional hymn*

**L**ORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the  
lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Jan Struther (1901-53)*

*Traditional Irish Melody*

*All remain standing. The Very Revd John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says*

**W**ELCOME to Westminster Abbey, which has for almost four hundred years nurtured the spirits of countless Westminsters, and for many centuries before that been the spiritual home of all those being educated within the Abbey precincts.

We meet in the presence of almighty God to give thanks for all that we have given and received at Westminster School over the past years. We come with many memories, with much for which to give thanks and perhaps a little to regret.

Above all, as we reflect on how the School has helped us become what we are, let us commit ourselves today to framing our lives around what we have received: the priority of truth and justice, the importance of charity and respect for others, the value of community and of service.

Let us ask for God's blessing on each one who is leaving. Let us take a moment in silence to summon the memories and to focus the mind and heart.

*A short period of silence is kept.*

**T**HE 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.**

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.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

*All sit for*

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 9.1-3, 7-12

*Read by Lucy Maconick  
Head Girl*

All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not know. Everything that confronts them is vanity, since the same fate comes to all, to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to those who sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice. As are the good, so are the sinners; those who swear are like those who shun an oath. This is an evil in all that happens under the sun, that the same fate comes to everyone.

Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.



Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favour to the skilful; but time and chance happen to them all. For no one can anticipate the time of disaster. Like fish taken in a cruel net, and like birds caught in a snare, so mortals are snared at a time of calamity, when it suddenly falls upon them.

*All remain seated for the Remove Choir to sing*

**G**OD be in my head, and in my understanding;  
 God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
 God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*Horae BVM (Sarum) 1514*

*H Walford-Davies (1869-1941)*

*All remain seated for*

THE SECOND READING

Luke 13. 1-9

*Read by Mark Tocknell*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

*All stand to sing*

**D**EAR Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

*John Whittier (1807-92)*

*C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)*

*All sit for*

THE ADDRESS

*Given by the Chaplain*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All say together*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven,  
**h**allowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
**G**ive us this day our daily bread.  
**A**nd forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
 against us.  
**A**nd lead us not into temptation;  
 but deliver us from evil.  
**F**or thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
**A**nd grant us thy salvation.  
 O Lord, save the Queen.  
**A**nd mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
 Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
**A**nd make thy chosen people joyful.  
 O Lord, save thy people.  
**A**nd bless thy inheritance.  
 Give peace in our time O Lord.  
**B**ecause there is none other that fighteth for us,  
 but only thou **O God.**  
 O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**A**nd take not thy **Holy Spirit from us.**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who has so richly blessed us: Make this school as a field  
 which yields an abundant harvest; that whatsoever things are true and  
 pure, lovely and of good report, may here abound and flourish. We ask this  
 through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**W**E commend to thy fatherly care, O Lord, those who are about to leave  
 this school, both staff and pupils. May thy goodness and mercy follow  
 them throughout their lives. Guard them in danger and keep them from evil;  
 guide them continually in the right way; and assist them in every good work;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Head Master says the School Prayer*

**W**E 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.**

Let us commend ourselves, one another, and all for whom we pray, to God the Holy and Undivided Trinity, saying 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.**

*All stand to sing*

**G**UIDE 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 till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;  
Be thou still my strength and shield;  
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;  
I will ever give to thee.

*Welsh, William Williams (1717-91)  
Tr Peter Williams (1727-96)*

*John Hughes (1873-1932)*

*All remain standing. The Dean gives*

THE BLESSING

**U**NTO 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 (BWV 572)*

*J S Bach (1685-1750)*

## Valete

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Rashid Ajami	Joshua Heath	Huey Robson
William Aldred	Frederick Herbert	Jessie Roche
Guy Arnold	Maia Holtermann Entwistle	Harry Rose
Francis Athill	Rufus Hone	Joshua Rothschild
Jenny Bacon	Ginny Horten-Middleton	George Royde
Christopher Baker-Munton	Charles Howell	Oliver Rubens
Rocky Bamford	Stephen Howell	Ezra Rubenstein
Dara Barkhordar	George Illingworth	Shyam Sakhrani
Ralph Barton	Edward Imrie	Yohan Sanmugam
Gabriella Bathgate	Serge Isakov	Sam Sasaki-Nasseri
Akay Behchet	Alfred Jackson	Zoe Scheuringer
Matthew Bengier	Harry Jeffrey	Charlotte Schroder
Joshua Benson	Stephen Jeffrey	Alexander Scott
Isabella Bird	Frederick Johnson	Molly Scott
Joshua Borin	George Johnston	Isabel Seligman
Ian Bott	Samuel Johnston	Charlotte Seymour
Benjamin Bourne	Sahil Kanani	Louis Shadwick
Sebastian Bray	James Keith	Alexander Shashou
Peter Brescia	Rameez Khan	Benjamin Shashou
Cesca Briscoe Wilson	Hannah Kirklın	Anna Sheinman
Ben Brock	Elita Lai	Jo Shuttleworth
Laurie Brock	Ben Laker	Rosa Sinclair-Wilson
Justin Bronk	Zoe Lang	Ed Smith
Sam Buchdahl	Johnny Langton	Joe Start
Joseph Bucknor	Michael Lau	Josephine Starte
Zannis Cambanis	Maisie Lawrence	Benjamin Stevenson
Richard Cameron-Holford	Christopher Leavitt	Alex Sutton
Joseph Capildeo	Pike Li	Chris Sykes
Dominic Carr	Samuel Littlejohns	Christopher Sykes
Maya Caspari	Thomas Lloyd	Katie Taffler
Isobel Cave	Andrew Lloyd-Harris	Leonie Taylor
Jonathan Cave	Louise Long	Michael Taylor
Hannah Chisholm	Jackson Lu	Nicole Taylor
Ian Clancy	Vanessa Macdougall	Beso Tchigladze
Sam Clarke	Christabel McKinley	Valerie Teh
Anna Clifford	Nicholas McKinley	Danielle Tobin
Tyrone Cummins	Chelsea McLain	Thomas Trevor-Roberts
Hannah Cutmore-Scott	Constance Mackworth-Young	Frances Underhill
Nicholas Day	Lucy Maconick	Sobhan Vakilian
William Denton	Elena Marinich	Benedict Vanderspar
Milly Derbyshire	Andrew Mason	Mark Wainwright
Jack Dong	Marcus Mepstead	Clarrie Wakeling
Elizabeth Donger	Bertie Milward	Charles Walker-Arnott
Nicholas Drake	Ice Min	Qian Wang
Louise Drayton	Mrinal Mohanka	Alex Wessely
Lucy Du	Evie Monnington-Taylor	George Weston
Adam Duchateau	Edward Moseley	Ross Wheeler
Thomas Dunning	Majid Mostafavi	Benjamin Wigoder
William Dunning	Serguei Mouratov	Alasdair Wilkins
Flora Easton	Austin Nicolaidis	Justin Woolf
Robert Ellard	Aleksandar Nikolic	Tudor Arter
Nicholas Finerty	Lindsey Noakes	Jaideep Barot
Hannah Fitzwilliam	Ikenna Obiekwe	Andrew Bateman
Oliver Flynn	Sophie O'Mahony	Lesley Bateman
Christian Foss	Joshua Orpen-Palmer	Graham Bartlett
Francis Gene-Rowe	Max Owens	Emma Brown
Gabriel Gettman	Jae Park	Robin Evans
Alexander Gilbert	Paul Park	Jon Hind
Thomas Godfrey-Faussett	Joseph Passmore	Harriet Johnson
Kostya Gorev	Maatin Patel	Julia Koch
Ben Green	Isabel Perry	Maurice Lynn
George Griffiths	Seth Pimlott	Mike Milner
Joseph Gross	William Pote	Tony Morris
Dushyant Gupta	Karan Rangarajan	Lystra Riches
Alexander Guttenplan	Alexander Rankine	Nick Stevenson
Hugo Hadcock	Tarini Ratneswaren	Mark Tocknell
Michael Haggard	Nick Reynolds	John Triffitt
Tom Harrison	Edward Rich	Ann Tucker
Rene Hartikka	Olivia Richards	
Eda He		

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## RETIRING COLLECTION

**Westminster House Youth Club**

Westminster School has a longstanding association with Westminster House Youth Club in Nunhead Grove, Peckham, and three of our current leavers have been regular volunteers at the club over the past two years. Our pupils have been active in the twice-weekly homework club, supporting pre-teens and younger teenagers with their school work. As well as offering assistance to younger people, our volunteers have been well-supported by the club's permanent staff and have enhanced their own life-skills as a result. The club desperately needs our financial support if it is to continue its outstanding services to young people in a challenging area of South London.

**Age Concern Pullen Day Care Centre**

The Pullen Centre is located in Pimlico and has been welcoming our volunteers for several years on Tuesday afternoons as part of our Station programme, including several of this year's leavers. Pupils are there to talk to and befriend the elderly folk at the centre, and they also assist with the activity programme. The centre is always short of funds, and your donations will support those who rely on the centre for an opportunity to socialise.

*You are warmly invited to drinks on Green (in Dean's Yard) after the service where the Head Master will say a few words of farewell.*

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