WESTMINSTER SCHOOL LEAVERS' SERVICE



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Tuesday 5 July 2011 6:30 pm

Service played by Simon McGregor Conductor: Tim Johnson

Preces and Responses by William Smith (1603-1645)

Music after the service

Fantasia in G major (BWV 572)

J S Bach (1685-1750)

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand for the Choir to sing the Introit

In You, O Woman full of Grace, the angelic choirs, and the human race, all creation rejoices. O sanctified Temple, mystical Paradise, and glory of Virgins. In You, O Woman full of Grace, all creation rejoices.

Hymn to the Mother of God

John Tavener (born 1944)

All sing

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 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.

Words: Welsh, William Williams (1717-91) trans.Peter Williams (1727-96) Tune: Cwm Rhondda John Hughes (1873-1932) All remain standing. The Very Revd Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says

Welcome to Westminster Abbey, which has for over four hundred and fifty 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.

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 the Choir to sing

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

Deuteronomy 15:6-11 Read by Rosie Colthorpe, Head Girl and Will Peck, Head Boy

For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee. If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

All remain seated for the Choir to sing

For, lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful, their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen spread themselves, yea, their horsemen come from far; they fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour. They come all of them for violence: their faces are set as the east-wind, and they gather captives as the sand. Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him; for he heapeth up dust and taketh it. Then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall pass over; and be guilty, even he, whose might is his God. Art not thou from everlasting, O Lord, my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgment; and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction. I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower, and look forth to see what he will say to me. And what I shall answer concerning my complaint. And the Lord answered me and said: 'The vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come.' For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Habakkuk 1:6-12,2:1-2a,3,14,20 Charles Villiers Stanford (1845 - 1924)

John 12:1-8 Read by Chris Clarke

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?' This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, 'Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.'

All stand to sing

BE Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art; Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word, Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee Lord; Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might; Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower: O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: Be Thou mine inheritance now and always; Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish c8th century trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935) Traditional Irish Melody

THE ADDRESS

Given by The Revd Gavin Williams, Chaplain

All sit or kneel

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.

Canon Robert Reiss leads the Lord's Prayer saying,

Our 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.

O Lord, show 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 thy 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.

Author 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.

WE 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

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.

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

THE 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

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 those dark satanic mills?

Bring me by 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.

Words: William Blake (1757-1827) Tune: Jerusalem, Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

THE BLESSING

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.

RETIRING COLLECTION

Westminster Volunteering Charities

A third of the pupils at Westminster this year have been volunteering regularly in our local community. The little support they have been able to offer by giving their time and energy has been easily matched by the value of the experience and their enjoyment of it. Many of the organisations for whom we volunteer require financial help in order to continue the important and often life-changing work they do. This evening we will be holding a collection in particular for:

In Deep - working with the elderly Westminster House - working with young people The Genesis Community Foundation - working to change lives Emmaus - working with the homeless

These organisations are all offering excellent experience for boys and girls at Westminster; they do essential work in the community and will greatly appreciate our donations. Please give generously.

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. Please exit the Abbey precints via Dark Cloister and approach Green via Yard.

Valete

Alexander Abboud Benjamin Ainsworth-Taylor Edward Aldred Genna Aldridge Henry Allberry Kourosh Asgari Bertie Aspinall Nannette Balfour-Lynn Jack Bannenberg Vir Bannerjee-Bulchandani Tilly Barr William Bartlett Lindsay Baxter Ben Baylev Patrick Beardmore Will Benet Susanna Bennett Milo Beyts Jack Breuer Sam Brodsky Cat Buizza Jack Burdell Edwin Burlton Brett Capewell Rosie Carpenter Martin Chan Edward Cherrie Soojean Choi George Christofi Cher Chung Philip Cohen Rosie Colthorpe Leon Craig Cohen Helen Cumming Flora Curtis Ellie Daniel Charlotte Davies Jack Davies Indi de Graaf Nina de Paula Hanika Imogen Dean Alexander Diaz Josie Dikkers Alex Donger Suli Doris Richard Downey Hannah Drake Thomas Drayton Olivia Dunnett Alexander Entwistle Roya Esat Emma Fairhurst Johnny Falconer Sameer Farooq Alexander Fitzgerald James Flannery Daisy Fletcher Dominic Foord Oliver Freedman Gill Geng Bill Gewanter Samuel Glanville Cosmo Godfree Sam Green

Aray Gupta Oscar Hard Jonathon Hazell Nicola Ho Rebecca Hoke Olivia Holtermann Entwistle James Howell Richard Howell Peter Huhne Seran Hui Miles Husevin Matthew Hutton Sean Hver Douglas Imrie Demetris Ioannides Emma Ireland Jared Isaacs Steven Jerjian Mouna Kalla-Sacranie George Kambouroglou Jerome Kamm Horace Keating Ben Kehoe Jack Kemp Alex Khakwani Clarissa Knowles Mark Kumleben Dakyung Kwon Frederik Laboyrie Zazie Lawson Ines Lee Christopher Lewis Gabriella Lewis Gus Lewis Charlotte Leysen Leo Libergod William Lim Jonathan Linden Cortland Linder Harry Lines Danni Mao Claire-Emily Martin Rosie McBurney Anna Mcginn Stephen McHugh Lawrence McNeill Jamie Miles Nic Morgan Mohsen Mostafavi Edward Muffett Verity Myers Robert Natzler Oliver Negus Isabella Ni Alexander Nikolov Hattie Oram Beatrix Parnaby-Price Benjamin Parry Sajan Patel Sanya Patel William Peck Hector Penny Omar Peracha Patrick Perryman Owens

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Alexander Petrenco

Staff Leavers

Richard Allnatt (History since 1994) is retiring

John Arthur (French and Drama since 1982; former Housemaster of Rigaud's) is retiring

Victoria Barlow (Music Secretary since 2002; former School Receptionist 2002-2006) is retiring

Clive Booker (Physics Technician since 1982) is retiring

Rita Boswell (Consultant Archivist since 2008) is retiring

Christopher Clarke (Art since 1974; former Housemaster of Grant's; former Senior Tutor) is retiring

Tom Coates (Classics since 2010) is leaving to begin a Law degree

Russell Dudley-Smith (Head of Sixth Form, Economics since 1988; former Head of Economics) is retiring

Fei Gao (Chinese since 2004) is taking up a new teaching post in China

Peter Hughes (Chemistry since 1984; former Head of Science; Director of Chemistry Research) retired April 2011

Dale Inglis (Art since 1984) is retiring

Tim Johnson (Director of Music since 2009) to become Precentor of Eton College

Caroline Kenyon (School Receptionist since 2007) is leaving

Jenny Lambert (Biology since 1993; former Head of Biology) is retiring

Hiroko Miller (Japanese since 1995) is retiring

Ben Street (History of Art since 2007) to work in education in the museum world

Alex Wood (Physics since 2008) is moving to Caterham School