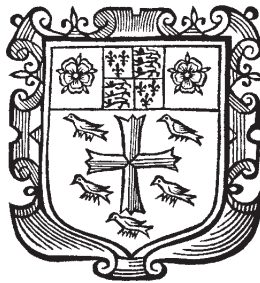


Commemoration of Benefactors
of
Westminster School
on the 452nd
Anniversary of the Accession of
Queen Elizabeth the First
and in the year of the 450th Anniversary
of the Foundation of the
College of St Peter in Westminster



Westminster Abbey

Friday 19 November 2010

7.30 pm

We strive, as far as human infirmity can see its way, to secure that in future learning... shall be pursued with sincerity, that the youth which is growing to manhood, as tender shoots in the wood of our state, shall be liberally instructed in good books to the greater honour of the state.

The unsigned 1560 Statutes

Youth, who in the stock of our Republic like certain tender twigs daily increase, may be liberally trained up in useful Letters to the greater ornament of the same Republic.

The 1560 Charter

From soon after her death, the School commemorated the refounding of the College of St Peter at Westminster by Queen Elizabeth I by granting a Play each year on the anniversary of her accession. It was late in the 19th century that more formal annual tribute was paid to all benefactors of the foundation in a service of commemoration. The *Commendatio* was a Latin service; under the 1662 Act of Uniformity the School was exceptionally allowed the privilege of services in Latin, in continuation of older custom.

Three types of Latin pronunciation are heard at Westminster. Classical Latin is the Latin that we might have heard from Cicero if we had been fortunate enough to be around at the time, and is the pronunciation we use in the classroom and in modified form in the Latin Play. Italianate Church Latin is the Latin used for choirs in the majority of Church services.

Today's service has been adapted from the nineteenth century service. The Latin used is spoken in the Tudor style, unique now to Westminster, where vowels are pronounced following their English sound, rather than in the accepted classical manner. This is the form of pronunciation that we use at Latin Prayers up School and that of many Latin tags such as *a priori, anno domini*.

As a rough guide, pronounce Westminster Latin as if it were English, with each vowel equivalent to its English pronunciation: *'Ad tee levayveye'* at the start of the Psalm and *'Aymen'* at the end of prayers in Latin, for example.

In today's service the Congregation sings and responds in Westminster Latin. The Choir, however, uses ecclesiastical Latin for the *Te Deum*.

Music before the service:

Praeludium in C (Bux WV137)
played by Daniel Marx

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Serenade for 13 Winds “Gran Partita” K.361
i. Largo - Allegro molto
played by the Senior Wind Ensemble

W.A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Passacaglia in D minor (Bux WV 161)
played by Simon McGregor

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

All remain seated whilst the procession of the Governors and members of the Common Rooms of Westminster Under School and Westminster School moves through the Nave to places in the Quire.

All stand.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Judith Warner) and her Consort are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and are conducted to their stalls in the Quire.

All sit.

*Please join in saying or singing, as appropriate, the words printed in **bold**.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please remain seated whilst the Chamber Choir sings

THE INTROIT

Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth our Queen to rejoice in thy strength: give her her heart's desire, and deny not the request of her lips; but prevent her with thine everlasting blessing, and give her a long life, even for ever and ever. Amen.

William Byrd (1543 – 1623)

Fanfare. All stand.

THE HYMN

*during which the Procession of the Collegiate Body,
moves through the Nave to places in the Sacrarium.*

Acolyte The Ivory Cross Acolyte
Vergers
The Queen's Scholars
The Master of The Queen's Scholars
The Banner of St George
The School Chaplain
The Under Master
The Head Master

Acolyte The Cross of Westminster Acolyte
Members of the College
The Canons' Vergers
The Canons of Westminster
The Banner of St Edward
The Dean's Vergers
The Dean of Westminster

ANGULARIS fundamentum
lapis Christus missus est,
qui compage parietis
in utroque nectitur,
quem Sion sancta suscepit,
in quo credens permanet.

Omnis illa Deo sacra
et dilecta civitas,
plena modulis in laude
et canore jubilo,
trinum Deum unicumque
cum favore praedicat.

Hoc in templo, summe Deus,
exoratus adveni,
et clementi bonitate
precum vota suscipe;
largam benedictionem
hic infunde jugiter.

Hic promereantur omnes
petita acquirere,
et adepta possidere
cum sanctis perenniter,
paradisum introire,
translati in requiem.

Gloria et honor Deo
usquequo altissimo,
una Patri Filioque
inclito Paraclito,
cui laus est et potestas
per aeterna saecula. Amen.

Westminster Abbey
Henry Purcell OW (1659 – 95)
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679 – 95
from the anthem: O God, thou art my God
All remain standing.

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, and God the Trinal,
singing everlastingly.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they supplicate to gain;
here to have and hold for ever
those good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter, in thy glory,
with thy blessèd ones to reign.*

*Laud and honour to the Father;
laud and honour to the Son;
laud and honour to the Spirit;
ever Three, and ever One:
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. Amen.*

Latin text, c 7th century

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, Chairman of the Governing Body of Westminster School, welcomes the Congregation and gives

THE BIDDING

GOD is the giver of every good and perfect gift and we meet in his presence. At this 452nd Commemoration of the Accession of our Foundress Queen Elizabeth, we give thanks for all that has been given and received at Westminster School from our foundation until the present day and express our gratitude to God who has given us the increase.

Let us first keep silence and reflect on the generosity of those whose gifts have helped to build us into men and women of wholesome knowledge, faith and virtue.

A short period of silence is kept.

The Dean: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

The Dean continues

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and that to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: pour into our hearts the spirit of thine own abundant generosity, and make us ready and eager to share with others what we ourselves have so richly and freely received; for the honour of thy name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

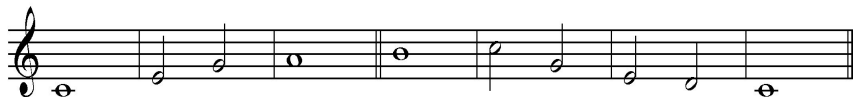
All sit. The Head Boy reads

JOHN 15 v 1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

All stand to sing

PSALM 123



- 1 Ad te levavi | ocu- los | meos:
qui | habi- | tas in | coelis.
- 2 Ecce sicut ocu- | li ser- | vorum:
in manibus | domi- | norum · su- | orum.
- 3 Sicut oculi ancillae in manibus | domin · ae | suae:
ita oculi nostri ad Dominum Deum nostrum
donec mi- | sere- | atur | nostri.
- 4 Miserere nostri Domine, mise- | rere | nostri:
quia multum repleti | sumus · des- | pecti- | one.
- 5 Quia multum repleta est | ani- ma | nostra:
opprobrium abundantibus et des- | pecti- | o su- | perbis.

Gloria | Patri · et | Filio:
et | Spiri- | tui | Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio et | nunc et | semper:
et in saecula saecu- | lorum | A- | men.

*Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and
as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the
LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled
with contempt.
Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with
the contempt of the proud.
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.*

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Head Master

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

*Gopsal
G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759)*

Charles Wesley OW (1707 – 1788)

THE PROCESSION OF THANKSGIVING

The Head Girl, an Honorary Scholar and an Under School boy enter by the Great West Door bearing roses, which are received on behalf of the School by the Rose Bearer, Captain of the Queen's Scholars and the Head Boy. A Procession of the Queen's Scholars forms in the Nave aisles.

A Queen's Scholar says

Now let us call to mind our benefactors, both living and departed, by whose bounty this school has flourished throughout its history. Westminster School continues to benefit from the tradition of liberal giving for the encouragement of learning in this place. Today, gifts provide bursaries and contribute to the maintenance and renewal of the School's fabric and resources. We remember, and give thanks for, those who continue to respond generously by their gifts to Westminster School and for those who in recent years have been benefactors of the School, especially, through his recent legacy, Hugh Symons.

The Queen's Scholars sing verses from the Psalms as they move to the Eastern end of the Nave:

Benedictus Deus in bonis suis;
Et sanctus in omnibus operibus
suis.

*Blessed be God in all his benefits;
And holy in all his works.*

Sit nomen Domini benedictum;
Ex hoc nunc usque in saeculum.

*Blessed be the name of the Lord;
From this time forth and for
evermore.*

Benedic, anima mea, Domino;
Et omnia quae intra me sunt nomini
sancto ejus.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, praise
his holy Name.*

Benedic, anima mea, Domino;
Et noli oblivisci omnes retributiones
ejus.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all his benefits.*

including Psalm 113: 2; 103: 1, 2

A Queen's Scholar says

AMONG the many who have been benefactors of the school, let us remember and give thanks for, William Cecil, Lord Burleigh and his wife Mildred, by whose gift the Library's collection was begun; for Richard Busby, Head Master, who built at his own expense a room to house the Library, and who left a great part of his own collection of books for the use of the School; for Dean Williams, who established additional scholarships, for Edward Hannes, who gave money for the building of the Scholars' new dormitory, for Dean Vincent, Head Master, who set apart land for the playing fields.

The Queen's Scholars sing Benedictus Deus as they move to the Lantern and Sacarium, during which the Master of the Under School, the Master of the Queen's Scholars, the Under Master, and the Head Master move to meet the Roses Procession.

A Queen's Scholar says

ABOVE all, let us thankfully commemorate our Foundress Queen Elizabeth, who, 450 years ago, to continue the long tradition of learning established by the monks of Westminster Abbey, confirmed her royal father Henry VIII's foundation of a college of forty scholars. We give thanks for all those whose generous patronage has enabled this school to flourish over the centuries, and to God who has given us the increase.

All kneel or sit.

The School Chaplain, standing in the Sacrament, sings

THE PRAYERS

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

All say:

PATER noster, qui es in coelis,
sanctificetur nomen tuum;
adveniat regnum tuum;
fiat voluntas tua, sicut in coelo et
in terra.

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; in earth as it is
in heaven.*

**Panem nostrum quotidianum da
nobis hodie;
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus
debitoribus nostris;**

*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive them that trespass
against us.*

The School Chaplain and Congregation sing

Et ne nos inducas in tentationem;

And lead us not into temptation,

Sed libera nos a malo.

But deliver us from evil.

In memoria aeterna erit justus;

*The righteous shall be had in everlasting
memory.*

Ab auditu malo non timebit.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings:

Iustorum animae in manu Dei sunt;

*The souls of the righteous are in the
hand of God;*

Nec attinget illas cruciatus.

And there shall no torment touch them.

St Matthew 6: 13; Psalm 112: 6-7; Wisdom 3: 1

OMNIPOTENS sempiternae Deus,
dirige actus nostros in
beneplacito tuo, ut in nomine dilecti
Filii tui, ejusque gratia adjuti, bonis
operibus abundemus. **Amen.**

*Almighty, everlasting God, direct our
actions in thy good pleasure, that in the
name of thy beloved Son, and aided by
his grace, we may abound in good works.
Amen.*

ACTIONES nostras, quaesumus,
Domine, aspirando praeveni, et
adjuvando prosequere, ut cuncta
nostra operatio a te semper incipiat,
et per te progrediatur ac feliciter
finiatur, per Christum Dominum
nostrum. **Amen.**

*Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings
with thy most gracious favour, and further
us with thy continual help; that in all our
works begun, continued, and ended in
thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and
finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

GRATIA Domini nostri Jesu
Christi, et caritas Dei Patris, et
communicatio Spiritus Sancti, sit
semper cum omnibus nobis. **Amen.**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God the Father, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us
all evermore. Amen.*

All stand as the Queen's Scholars sing Benedictus Deus.

The Roses Procession moves through the North Ambulatory.

The Beadle

The Rose Bearer

An Honorary Scholar An Under School boy

The Head Boy The Head Girl

The Captain of the Queen's Scholars

Vergers

The School Chaplain

The Master of the Under School

The Master of The Queen's Scholars The Under Master

The Head Master

The Keeper of the Sanctuary

The Canons' Vergers

The Canons of Westminster

The Dean's Vergers

The Dean of Westminster

The Queen's Scholars process through the South Ambulatory to the Tomb of Queen Elizabeth.

When the Procession reaches the Tomb, the Captain of the Queen's Scholars announces the laying of the Roses.

I lay these Roses to honour our gracious Foundress, and all our benefactors.

All remain standing. A silence is kept by the whole congregation.

All say the School Prayer, led by the Dean:

O Lord, the resurrection and the life of all believers, who art ever to be thanked in this life and that which is to come:

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.

The Dean: The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

All: **And there shall no torment touch them.**

All sit.

The Choir sings

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur.	<i>We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.</i>
Te aeternum Patrem omnis terra veneratur.	<i>All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.</i>
Tibi omnes Angeli, tibi caeli et universae potestates:	<i>To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.</i>
tibi Cherubim et Seraphim incessabili voce proclamant:	<i>To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:</i>
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth;	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.</i>
pleni sunt caeli et terra majestatis gloriae tuae.	<i>The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.</i>
Te gloriosus Apostolorum chorus,	
te Prophetarum laudabilis numerus,	<i>The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.</i>
te martyrum candidatus laudat exercitus.	<i>The noble army of martyrs praise thee.</i>
Te per orbem terrarum sancta confitetur Ecclesia,	<i>The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,</i>
Patrem immensae majestatis; venerandum tuum verum et unicum Filium, Sanctum quoque Paraclitum Spiritum.	<i>the Father, of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.</i>
Tu Rex gloriae Christe.	<i>Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ;</i>
Tu Patris sempiternus es Filius.	<i>thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.</i>
Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hominem, non horruisti Virginis uterum.	<i>When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.</i>
Tu, devicto mortis aculeo, aperuisti credentibus regna caelorum.	<i>When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.</i>

Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, in gloria
Patris.

Judex crederis esse venturus.

Te ergo quaesumus, tuis famulis
subveni, quos pretioso sanguine
redemisti.

Aeterna fac cum sanctis tuis in gloria
numerari.

Salvum fac populum tuum Domine,
et benedic hereditati tuae.

Et rege eos, et extolle illos usque in
aeternum.

Per singulos dies, benedicimus te.

Et laudamus nomen tuum in
saeculum, et in saeculum saeculi.

Dignare Domine die isto sine
peccato nos custodire.

Miserere nostri Domine, miserere
nostri.

Fiat misericordia tua Domine super
nos, quemadmodum speravimus in
te.

In te Domine speravi: non confundar
in aeternum.

*Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in
the glory of the Father.*

*We believe that thou shalt come to be our
Judge.*

*We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy
precious blood.*

*Make them to be numbered with thy
saints, in glory everlasting*

*O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine
heritage.*

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

*Day by day we magnify thee,
and we worship thy Name ever world
without end.*

*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day
without sin.*

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

*O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as
our trust is in thee.*

*O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me
never be confounded.*

Richard Blackford OW (b 1954)

Commissioned for the 450th Anniversary

All stand.

The Chaplain says

ALmighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being: bless this
School, that whatsoever things are true and pure, lovely and of good
report may here abound and flourish. Preserve in it an unblemished name,
enlarge it to wider usefulness, and exalt in it the love of all its members as an
instrument of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Procession of the Queen's Scholars, together with members of the Common Rooms, moves to the West end of the church, during which all remain standing to sing:

GLORIOSI salvatoris
nominis praeconia,
quae in corde genitoris
latent ante saecula,
mater, caeli plena roris,
pandit nunc ecclesia.

**Nomen dulce, nomen gratum,
nomen ineffabile,
dulce Jesu appellatum,
nomen delectabile,
laxat poenas et reatum,
nomen est amabile.**

sung by the Choir only:

Hoc est nomen adorandum,
nomen summae gloriae,
nomen semper meditandum
in valle miseriae,
nomen digne venerandum
supernorum curiae.

**Nomen istud praedicatum
melos est auditui;
nomen istud invocatum
dulce mel est gustui;
jubilus est cogitatum
spirituali visui.**

**Hoc est nomen exaltatum
jure super omnia,
nomen mire formidatum
effugans daemona,
ad salutem nobis datum
divina clementia.**

**Nomen ergo tam beatum
veneremur cernui;
sit in corde sic formatum
quod non potest erui:
ut in caelis potestatum
adjungamur coetui.**

Oriel

Caspar Ett, Cantica Sacra (Munich, 1840)

*To the name that brings salvation praise and
honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but to every tongue and nation
holy Church proclaims today.*

*Jesus – be that name our treasure, name beyond
that words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and
heart delighting well;
name of sweetness, passing measure, freeing
souls from sin's dark spell.*

*Name that calls for adoration,
name that speaks of victory;
name for grateful meditation
in the vale of misery:
name for loving veneration
by the citizens on high.*

*Name that whosoever preaches
makes sweet music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches finds divinest
comfort near;
joyful then the heart that reaches
to embrace that name so dear.*

*Name by hard-won right exalted
over every other name:
and when man was sore assaulted puts the
enemy to shame:
strength to them that else had halted, eyes to
blind, and feet to lame.*

*Jesu, we thy name adoring,
long to see thee as thou art:
of thy clemency imploring
so to write it in our heart,
that hereafter, upward soaring,
we with angels may have part.*

*Latin text, c 15th century
English translation, J M Neale*

All remain standing for the Blessing

The Dean says

God, who has prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their seats at the end of the service until directed to leave by the Stewards.

Music after the service:

Crown Imperial "A Coronation March" (1937) Sir William Walton (1902 – 1983)

played by Simon McGregor

The Service is played by Simon McGregor.

The School Choirs and Brass Ensemble are conducted by Tim Johnson.

The Wind Ensemble is conducted by Andrew Law.

Official guests holding invitations to the Head Master's reception will be received in Ashburnham Drawing Room.

All other reception guests are asked to make their way to the following rooms:

College	College Frust Room
Grant's	Grant's Dining Room
Rigaud's	Rigaud's Lower Hall
Busby's	Busby's Hall
Liddell's	Liddell's Day Room
Ashburnham	Ashburnham
Wren's	Wren's Day Room
Dryden's	Dryden's Day Room
Hakluyt's	Room 13
Purcell's	Room 13
Milne's	Milne's

Old Westminster's are asked to go to the venue of their old House's reception. Other guests should go up School.