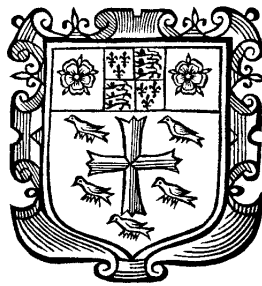


Commemoration of Benefactors
of
Westminster School
on the 450th
Anniversary of the Accession of
Queen Elizabeth the First



Westminster Abbey
Friday 14th November 2008
7:30 pm

Music before the service:

Concerto in A minor (after Vivaldi) Allegro BWV 593 J S Bach (1685-1750)
played by Jeremy Holt (QS)

Serenade for Wind opus 44 in D minor Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)
i Moderato, quasi marcia
played by the Senior Wind Ensemble

Fugue in C Major BWV 545 J S Bach (1685-1750)
played by July Verkade (PP)

The Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Louise Hyams) 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.

The procession of the Governors and members of the Common Rooms of Westminster School moves through the Nave to places in the Quire.

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 those benefactors of the foundation in a service of commemoration. The Commendatio was a Latin service - under the 1548 Act of Uniformity the School was exceptionally allowed the privilege of services in Latin. 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 the accepted classical manner. Evelyn records (1661) that he heard Westminster Scholars, and their "odd pronouncing of Latine, so that out of England no nation were able to understand or endure it".

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Fanfare. All stand.

All remain standing for

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 Assistant School Chaplain
The Keeper of the Sanctuary
The Under Master
The Head Master

Acolyte The Cross of Westminster Acolyte
The Chaplain of Westminster Abbey
The Minor Canons of Westminster
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 neccitur,
 quem Sion sancta suscepit,
 in quo credens permanet.

*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.*

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

*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.*

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

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

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

*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 blessed ones to reign.*

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

*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.*

*Westminster Abbey, 205 NEH
 Henry Purcell, OW (1659-95)
 Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679-95
 from the anthem: O God, thou art my God*

Latin text, c 7th century

All remain standing.

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 450th 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. Praefectus reads

2 CORINTHIANS 11.16-19, 21-30

I repeat, let no one think that I am a fool; but if you do, then accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. What I am saying in regard to this boastful confidence, I am saying not with the Lord's authority, but as a fool; since many boast according to human standards, I will also boast. For you gladly put up with fools, being wise yourselves! But whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labours, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

All stand to sing

PSALM 150



LAUDATE Dominum in | sanctis | ejus:
 laudate eum in firmamento vir- | tutis | e- | jus.
 Laudate eum in vir- | tuti-bus | ejus:
 laudate eum secundum multitudinem magni- | tudi-nis | e- | jus.
 Laudate eum in | sono | tubae:
 laudate eum in psal- | teri-o et | citha- | ra.
 Laudate eum in | tympano ·et | choro:
 laudate eum in | chordis ·et | orga- | no.
 Laudate eum in cymbalis | bene-son- | anti-bus:
 laudate eum in cymbalis jubi- | lati- | o- | nis.
 Omnis | spiri- | tus: lau- | det | Domi- | num.
 Gloria | Patri ·et | Fili- o:
 et | Spiri- | tui | Sancto.
 Sicut erat in principio, et | nunc, et | semper:
 et in saecula saecu- | lorum | A- | men.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Latin Vulgate

*O praise God in his holiness:
 praise him in the firmament of his power.
 Praise him in his noble acts:
 praise him according to his excellent greatness.
 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
 praise him upon the lute and harp.
 Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
 praise him upon the strings and pipe.
 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
 praise him upon the loud cymbals.
 Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.
 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 a Hymn

**King of glory, King of peace,
 I will love Thee;
 and that love may never cease,
 I will move Thee.
 Thou hast granted my request,
 Thou hast heard me;
 Thou didst note my working breast,
 Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
 I will sing Thee,
 and the cream of all my heart
 I will bring Thee.
 Though my sins against me cried,
 Thou didst clear me;
 and alone, when they replied,
 Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
 I will praise Thee;
 in my heart, though not in heaven,
 I can raise Thee.
 Small it is, in this poor sort
 to enrol Thee:
 e'en eternity's too short
 to extol Thee.**

*Gwalchmai
 J D Jones (1827-1870)*

*George Herbert OW (1593-1633)
 King's Scholar 1604-08*

THE PROCESSION OF THANKSGIVING

An Honorary Scholar, a junior Town Boy 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, Praefectus and the Head Girl. 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 A A Milne and, through his recent legacy, John Hayward.

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 King George I and his son, George, Prince of Wales, who together promoted and gave money for the building of the dormitory for the King's Scholars; for Dean Stanley, who restored the northern end of School and added new rooms; 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, 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 Sacarium, 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.

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

*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.*

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 praevieni, 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 The Head Girl
A Town Boy An Under School boy
Praefectus

Verger
The School Chaplain The Assistant Chaplain
The Master of the Under School The Keeper of the Sanctuary
The Master of the Queen's Scholars The Under Master
The Head Master

The Minor Canons
The Canons' Verger
The Canons of Westminster
The Dean's Verger
The Dean

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

When the Procession reaches the Tomb, Praefectus 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, te martyrum candidatus laudat exercitus.	<i>The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. 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.*

Henry Purcell OW (1659 - 1695)

Latin version by R R Terry (1865 - 1938)

All stand.

The Assistant 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 it in 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.

*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.*

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

*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.*

sung by the Choir only:

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

*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.*

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

*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.*

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

*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.*

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

*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.*

*Oriel, 470 NEH
Caspas Ett, Cantica Sacra (Munich, 1840)*

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

All remain standing for the Blessing

The Dean says

O 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:

Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 541
played by Freddie James (GG)

J S Bach (1685-1750)

The Service played by Simon McGregor.

The School Choir and Orchestra are conducted by Guy Hopkins.

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