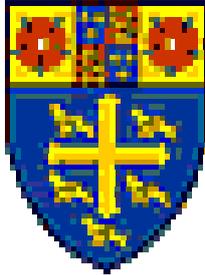


Westminster Abbey



A Service
for the United Kingdom Families
of those who lost their lives
in the United States of America
on
Tuesday 11 September 2001

Thursday 29 November 2001
Noon

**A MESSAGE
FROM THE DEAN OF WESTMINSTER**

I wish to record my thanks to those families who were able to respond to my letter with their story. The accounts were poignant and moving. I was deeply touched by your willingness to share them with me.

Some of you also made specific suggestions for material to be included in the service itself. Some have been taken up; not all could be. But all the ideas and suggestions have had a direct influence on the thinking and planning which we at the Abbey have undertaken in preparing this service.

Thank you very much

Wesley Carr

Dean

At the Great West Door Her Majesty The Queen pauses to receive a posy from Caileigh and Kyle Maddison, representing the bereaved children.

As members of the families arrive, they are given a rose that they are asked to hold throughout the service until the Act of Remembrance.

The whole of the church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Please ensure that all mobile and cellular telephones are switched OFF.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, directed by James O'Donnell, Organist and Masters of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Andrew Reid, Sub-Organist of Westminster Abbey.

Music before the service, played by Simon Bell, Assistant Organist of Westminster Abbey:

Preludé (from Suite, Op.5)	<i>Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)</i>
Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Op.122, No.10)	<i>Johannes Brahms (1833 – 97)</i>
Psalm Prelude (set 1, No.2)	<i>Herbert Howells (1982 – 1983)</i>
Elegy for 7 April 1913	<i>C Hubert H Parry (1948 – 1918)</i>
Choral II in B minor	<i>César Franck (1822 – 90)</i>
O Mensch, Bequein Dein Sünde gross (BWV 622)	<i>Johann Sebastian Back (1985 – 1750)</i>

The Procession of the Representatives of Faith Communities moves through the Nave to places in the Sacrarium. All remain seated.

Former President George Bush is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his Stall in the Quire. All remain seated.

He The American Ambassador is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his Stall in the Quire. All remain seated.

The Prime Minister is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his Stall in the Quire. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand as the Lord Mayor is conducted to his Stall in the Quire, and then sit.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand. Presentations are made.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All remain standing. Presentations are made.

All remain standing as the Collegiate Procession together with Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Archbishop of Canterbury moves to places in the Sacrarium.

When all are in place, the flags of the United States of America and of the United Kingdom are borne without escort side by side to the Sacrarium, where they are received by the Dean and placed beside the altar.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing to sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious queen, Long live our noble Queen, God save The Queen! Send her victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save The Queen!	Not on this land alone, But be God's mercies known From shore to shore: Lord, may the nations see, That we in unity Should form one family The wide world o'er.
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Thesaurus Musicus (c 1743)

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OH, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright star through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

To Anacreon in Heaven

Francis Scott Key

All remain standing. The very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, says

THE BIDDING

The world has been shaken by the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania on 11th September. Among those who died that morning were British men and women of different backgrounds and faiths. They have been remembered at services both in the United States and in Great Britain. Now we come finally to Westminster Abbey, at the heart of the nation. We come as the families of those who were on that morning rushed into eternity; their colleagues in work and their friends from all over the world. We also come as a nation, led by our Sovereign, to commemorate fellow citizens and to say farewell.

We give thanks to God for the police, ambulance staff and fire fighters, and for all who daily live with danger and risk death to save others. We remember those who died, too, and honour their courage. And for all who have supported the bereaved in their loss, neighbours and friends, and in particular the Family Liaison Officers, we give thanks.

In our personal and particular grief we pray for our world: for peace, for freedom, for justice, for the rule of law. And we look for a new spirit in the hearts of men and women everywhere, looking forward to the time when evil, violence and war shall be no more, and when all may live confidently and in peace.

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love forever
O'er the universe must reign.

Abbot's Leigh 356 AMNS
Cyril Taylor (19701 – 91)

1939)

Timothy Rees (1874 –

All sit. The Right Honourable Tony Blair, MP, Prime Minister, reads

ROMANS 8: 35-39

WHO will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, no rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All remain seated. The choir sings.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the
still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for
his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for though art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort
me.

Lennox Berkeley (1903 – 89)

Psalms 23: 1 – 4

All remain seated. Dame Judi Dench DBE, reads

REMEMBER

REMEMBER me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land,
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more, day by day,
You tell me of our future that you planned;
Only remember me; you understand
It will be too late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve;
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)

TIME is too short for those who wait
Too swift for those who fear.
Too long for those who grieve,
Too short for those who rejoice.
But for those who love, time is eternity.

*Henry Van Dyke (1852 – 1933)
American Author and Clergyman*

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

SET me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love
is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon thine heart: for love is strong as death.

William Walton (1902 – 83)
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Song of Songs 8: 6 –

All remain seated for

THE ADDRESS

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr George Carey
*Lord Archbishop of Canterbury
Primate of All England and Metropolitan*

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

DEAR Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives they 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.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

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 thye peace.

Breath 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.

Repton 353 NEH
C Hubert H Parry (1848 – 1918)

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

All remains standing. The Representatives of the various faith and church communities stand with the Canon in Residence on the top step of the Sacramentum. The Reverend David Hutt, Canon, in Residence and Sub-Dean, says:

MY friends, I invite you on behalf of your faith communities to affirm your commitment to seeking light amid darkness, hope and despair and love in place of hate.

Each says in turn:

From the Roman Catholic Church, I, Cormac,
a Christian;
From the Jewish synagogues, I Alan, A Jew;
From the Free Churches, I, Anthony, a Christian;
From the Mosques, I, Fatema, A Muslim;
From the Church of England, I George, a Christian;

The Participants say together:

Affirm with my brothers and sisters,
Our belief in justice for everyone;
Our hope for peace between peoples and nations;
Our continued faith in the possibility of a new world,
Our commitment to live at ease with our neighbours.

Canon Hutt says:

MAY Almighty God who has given us the vision, also inspire our wills to do these things.

All say: **Amen.**

All sit. The Reverend Dominic Fenton, Precentor of Westminster Abbey, leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray:

ETERNAL and gracious God, hear the prayer we offer for families, friends and colleagues, and for all who in recent days have endured the sorrow of separation from those they love. Hold them in their grief, defend them from despair; and may they now and always trust in your unfailing love.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

GOD of power and love, we praise you for the men and women in the emergency services; for their skill and courage; we remember with gratitude the risks they took on September 11th and the losses that they suffered. In your mercy, protect all who daily risk their lives for the good and safety of others.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

ETERNAL God, in these dark days and anxious times: deliver us from evil, deepen our faith and calm our fears, that with patient confidence and trust we may pursue the ways of justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

All remain seated. The Choir sings:

GOD 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 mind end, and at my departing.

Henry Walford Davies (1869 – 1941)
1514

Pynson's Horae,

The Precentor continues:

OLORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes; the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

After John Henry Newman (1801 – 90)

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

During which the flag bearers retrieve their flags
and process to the West end of the church, and the Choir
moves to stand by the West Door.

THE day though gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
They praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank that thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
They wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; they throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
They kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all they creatures own thy sway.

St Clement 252 NEH
Clement Scholefield (1839 – 1904)
93)

John Ellerton (1826 –

All remain standing. The Dean says

THE BLESSING

GOD be your comfort and strength, your hope and support, your light and your way; and may God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless you and keep you, and all those whom you love and remember this day, now and forever. **Amen.**

All remain standing. A member from each family holds a rose for

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Dean says:

AT the blowing of the wind and in the decay of autumn; in the chill of winter, and the promise of spring, under the blue sky and in the warmth of summer:

We remember them.

At the dawn of day and at the setting of the sun:

We remember them.

With joys we long to share and with sorrows we bear alone in work we have to do and life we have to live:

We remember them.

With thankfulness and regrets,
With memories of the past and hopes for the future,
For all that was and all that might have been:

We remember them.

Silence is kept.

All remain standing. The Dean continues:

By their deaths, these members of our families and our fellow citizens have added to the sum of the world's innocent victims. As we commend them to God, we remember their colleagues and friends from other nations who also died and those throughout the world who are suffering in innocence.

In the faith of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we
commend to God the souls of all whom we remember this day.

Silence is kept.

*All remain standing. The Dean and Chapter escort Her Majesty The
Queen and other members of the Royal Family through the Abbey to
the memorial to Innocent Victims outside the Great West Door. Her
Majesty moves to the memorial to Innocent Victims, where she leaves
her posy. The families follow immediately. At the memorial the
families leave their flower as a symbol of their deceased relative.
They may, if they so choose, name him or her as they do so.*

The Choir sings

FUNERAL IKOS

*The words are taken from an Orthodox rite. They are severely
realistic. But each verse concludes with four Alleluias, expressing
confidence that whatever our situation, whether in life or death, God
is present and to be praised.*

WHY these bitter words of the dying,
O bretheren, which they utter as they go hence?
I am parted from brethren.
All my friends do I abandon, and go hence.
But whither I go, that understand I not, neither
What shall become of me yonder; only God
Who hath summoned me knoweth.
But make commemoration of me with the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

But whither now go the souls?
How dwell they now together there?
This mystery have I desired to learn,
But none can impart aright.
Do they call to mind their own people, as we do them?
Or have they forgotten all those who mourn them and make song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We go forth on the path eternal, and as condemned,
With downcast faces,
Present ourselves before the only God, eternal.
Where then is comeliness?
Where then is wealth?
Where then is the glory of this world?
There shall none of these things aid us,
But only to say oft the psalm:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

If though has shown mercy unto man,
O man that same mercy shall be shown thee there,
And if on an orphan though hast shown compassion,
The same shall there deliver thee from want.
If in this life the naked though hast clothed,
The small shall give thee shelter there, and sing the psalm:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Youth and the beauty of the body fade at the hour of death,
And the tongue then burneth fiercely,
And the parched throat inflamed.
The beauty of the eyes is quenched then,
The comeliness of the face all altered,
The shapeliness of the neck destroyed;
And the other parts have become numb,
Nor often say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

With ecstasy are we inflamed
If we but hear that there is light eternal yonder;
That there is Paradise,
Wherein every soul of Righteous Ones rejoiceth.
Let us all, also, enter into Christ, that all we may cry
aloud thus unto God:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

John Tavener (b 1944)

Orthodox Funeral Rite

Music after the service:

Passacaglia in C minor (BWV 582)

J.S.Bach

As the congregation leaves a Half-Muffled peal of bells is rung.

Members of the Congregation are asked to remain in their places until invited by the stewards to move.

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