



Evensong
attended by
the Most Excellent Order
of the British Empire

Tuesday 10th November 2015
5 pm



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

A very warm welcome to this Cathedral and to this service, and especially to all the holders of awards given through the Order of the British Empire which we celebrate today.

In this congregation a great variety of kinds of public service are represented. Those of you here with awards have been recognised because together you have touched the lives of millions of citizens of this country and further afield, in ways as diverse and inspiring as: helping people with serious illness and disability, furthering education and community development, caring for neighbours, building businesses from chocolate making to cutting edge enterprises, keeping people safe at sea and through fire and flood, supporting armed services and voluntary groups, raising money for charity and safeguarding heritage, inspiring people through sport, faith and music; all in different ways transforming the lives of people for the better.

As you have the opportunity, do ask those around you what their awards represent, and encourage one another with what is possible: not only in the past, but also looking to the future.

St Paul's has a special relationship with the Order, represented not only by this service, but also through the presence of the Chapel dedicated to the OBE in the Crypt, and the support which the Order has given here. The chairs in the body of the Cathedral were donated over 40 years ago by the Order, and have benefited millions of people. We now intend to install a permanent disabled access ramp in the North Transept, which will benefit millions more into the future. You may already know of this project, because the Order has made a very substantial donation to it from its own funds. Information on this is available from the Cathedral in the ways set out at the end of this service booklet.

We apologise that the OBE Chapel is not open to visit this evening. Please do come back during visiting hours to see it: your ticket for today's service will give you free entry through the gates in the Crypt till the end of this year, and you may like to stop off in the shop to look at the OBE items available, or check these online at www.stpaulsshop.org.uk.

Thank you for coming today and we hope to see you again soon.

May God's blessing be yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Very Revd Dr David Ison

Dean of St Paul's and of the Order of the British Empire

THE OFFICIALS OF THE ORDER

The Sovereign
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

The Grand Master
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
KG KT OM GBE ONZ QSO AK

The Prelate
The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Richard Chartres KCVO

The King of Arms
Lieutenant General Sir Robert Fulton KBE

The Registrar
Lieutenant Colonel Michael Vernon

The Secretary
Sir Jeremy Heywood KCB CVO
(Deputy: Sir Jonathan Stephens KCB)

The Dean
The Very Reverend Dr David Ison

Lady Usher of the Purple Rod
Dame Amelia Fawcett DBE

ORDER OF SERVICE

*The congregation is asked to join in all texts printed in **bold**.*

Music before the service

Rhapsody in C sharp minor

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

March in C (Op. 109)

Francis Jackson (b.1917)

Fanfare

William Mathias (1934-92)

At 4.45 pm, remain seated as the Chapter, the Prelate, the College of Minor Canons and the Officials of the Order proceed to the Great West Door.

At 4.50 pm, the Choir and the College of Canons proceed to the west end of the Cathedral.

At 4.50 pm, the Lord Mayor is received at the Great West Door by the Chapter, the Prelate, the College of Minor Canons and the Officials of the Order.

At 4.58 pm, remain seated as the Grand Master is received at the Great West Door by the Chapter, the Prelate, the College of Minor Canons and the Officials of the Order, and the Lord Mayor proceeds to his place under the Dome.

The St Paul's Cathedral Consort is directed by Peter Holder, Acting Organist and Assistant Director of Music; the organ is played before the service by Rachel Mahon, Organ Scholar and during the service by Richard Hills.



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

Processional Order

A procession is formed at the Great West Door to move through the Nave in the following order:

A Virger

The Crucifer and Acolytes

The Cathedral Choir

The College of Minor Canons

A Virger

Officials of the Order

A Virger

The College of Canons

A Virger

The Prelate

A Virger

The Chapter

The Dean The Grand Master

Processional Hymn

during which the people stand and the procession moves through the Cathedral.

**O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
All ye of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!**

Words: Henry Baker (1821-77), alt.

Tune: *Laudate Dominum*
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

The Bidding Prayer

given by

The Dean

Welcome most warmly to St Paul's this evening, especially recipients of the Order of the British Empire, as we celebrate today its work in recognising the achievements of so many people of talent, energy and goodwill in the service of their community. We have come here to worship God and, in his presence, to give thanks for the Order of the British Empire, and to dedicate ourselves to the service of God and the Commonwealth and all humankind. We thank God for the lives of members of the Order, for adventure and courage, idealism and diligence, care and compassion contributed to the life of our world. We ask for God's grace to use our gifts and abilities for the benefit of others, and that we may be inspired to love others as God in Christ has loved us. And as we pray for those in need, so we ask that we may do all that we can to make our world a better place for all its people.

Therefore as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Responses

sung by the Officiant and the Choir.

○ Lord, open thou our lips;
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us;
○ 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.

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

Sit

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is:
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas:
and prepared it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord:
or who shall rise up in his holy place?
Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart:
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is the generation of them that seek him:
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory:
it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory:
even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Stand

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.

Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-96)

Sit

The First Lesson

read by

The Reverend Canon Tricia Hillas,
Canon Pastor, Canon in Residence

Here beginneth the second chapter of the Book of Proverbs.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

Proverbs 2. 1-9

Silence is kept.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Stand with the Choir, which sings

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

Words: Luke I. 46-55

Music: *Evening Service in D*
George Dyson (1883-1964)

Sit

The Second Lesson

read by

The King of Arms

Here beginneth the twelfth verse of the third chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3. 12-17

Silence is kept.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Stand with the Choir, which sings

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

Words: Luke 2. 29-32

Music: *Evening Service in D*
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The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lesser Litany

sung by the Officiant and the Choir.

The Lord be with you;
and with thy spirit.

Sit or kneel

Let us pray.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
and grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen;
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
and make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people;
and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us;
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

God our Father,
who never ceaseth the work thou hast begun
and prospereth with thy blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of thy gifts,
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things thou pourest upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels and all just works do proceed:
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit

Anthem

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)

Music: *Antiphon* from *Five Mystical Songs*
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Prayers

led by

The Reverend Rosemary Morton,
Minor Canon and Succentor

Tom Daggett,
OBE Organ Outreach Fellow

Eric Kabamba,
OBE Chorister

Ndiana Essien,
OBE Chorister

Let us pray to God the Father through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Sit or kneel

For the Church universal,
of which these buildings are a visible symbol,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For this congregation,
as we remember your promise
that when two or three are gathered in your name
you are there in the midst of them,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the blessing of our vows
and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the faith of those who have gone before us
and for grace to persevere like them,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For all members of the Order of the British Empire who have died
and are now at rest in your loving arms,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a sense of our fellowship with each other and with all your saints,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

O God, from living stones
you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty.
Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit
those who serve you here on earth
may always be kept within your presence.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Sermon

given by

The Prelate of the Order of the British Empire

Stand

Hymn

during which a collection is taken for the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust and St Paul's Cathedral. Please complete the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are a UK taxpayer.

**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, in Threefold glory,
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
Gifts of grace by prayer 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.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.**

Words: Latin, 7th century
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: Westminster Abbey
adapted from Henry Purcell (1659-95)

A Thanksgiving Responsory

led by

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel,
Precentor

Regina Allanah, BEM,
for voluntary service to the community
in the London Borough of Haringey

The Reverend Shuna Body, MBE,
lately Chair, British Disabled Fencing Association,
for services to Wheelchair Fencing

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God:
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise the Lord.

For my brethren and companions' sake: I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God:
I will seek to do thee good.

Be strong and he shall establish your heart:
all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have my being.
And so shall my words please him:
my joy shall be in the Lord.

The Blessing

given by

The Prelate

God grant to the living grace,
the departed rest,
the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all humankind peace and concord,
and to us and all his servants life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Remain standing

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.**

Organ Voluntary

Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902-83)
arr. Herbert Murrill (1909-52)

The Officials of the Order, the Prelate and the Chapter escort the Grand Master to the Great West Door followed by the Lord Mayor and his party.

The Choir, the College of Minor Canons and the College of Canons return to the Dean's Aisle.

Please remain seated until invited to leave by a Wandsman or Steward.

Making St Paul's accessible for the new millennium

St Paul's Cathedral enjoys its strong links with the Order of the British Empire whose Chapel sits at the east end of the Crypt. We are working hard at the moment to make St Paul's more accessible to everyone who visits us and a major part of our accessibility project is to make the North Transept equally accessible to everyone including people in wheelchairs and anyone with mobility needs generally. The Order is backing this project and will make donations to fund it from its Charitable Fund and individual members of the Order have also made personal donations. We are hugely grateful for this generosity. It will be no small undertaking to adapt a significant part of Christopher Wren's masterpiece to make this possible and we hope that more people will come on board as partners in the project and make it possible for everyone to enter St Paul's easily, comfortably and without distinction. If you would like to know more about the project and how you might help, please contact Matthew Lagden – mlagden@stpaulscathedral.org.uk or 0207 246 8329.

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The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

The Order of the British Empire is by far the biggest Order of Chivalry, and was instituted in 1917 by King George V who wanted to acknowledge the services given to the country in all areas of life, particularly at that time because of the very special efforts made by people during the First World War. There have been approximately 275,000 appointments to the Order, since it was founded, and today there are in the region of 130,000 living members.

There are two Divisions, Military and Civil, each having five classes; Knight or Dame Grand Cross, Knight or Dame Commander, Commander, Officer and Member. There is also the British Empire Medal, Military or Civil, which is part to the Order.

The Order is also widely used to honour non-British subjects who have given outstanding service to this country, at home and abroad.

Services of Dedication are held every four years in St. Paul's Cathedral the next to be held in 2017. The Chapel of the Order, which is in the Crypt of St. Paul's, may be used by members for family Weddings and Baptisms, with the agreement of the Dean.

The Grand Master of the Order is His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

The motto of the Order appears on the Badge "For God and the Empire".

The OBE Organ Outreach programme

The OBE Organ Outreach programme, sponsored by the Order, shares St Paul's musical heritage with primary schools in London. It seeks to enrich curricula, inspire young minds, and promote a deeper understanding of the organ. It does this through workshop days in schools on a digital organ, and by introducing the William Drake OBE Organ to diverse young audiences.

Since September 2014, we have worked with over 2,500 children from inner-city London schools.

Follow our progress on Twitter @StPaulsChoir
or at Facebook.com/StPaulsCathedralChoir

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust has been established to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's unrivalled 60 year contribution to the Commonwealth and a life of public service.

The Trust gives citizens and governments across the Commonwealth and beyond the opportunity to create a lasting tribute to Her Majesty The Queen.

Establishment of the Trust was announced at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, Australia in 2011. Former British Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Sir John Major, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees which includes the Commonwealth Secretary General.

Trust investments aim to make a real and enduring impact on the lives of those who live within the Commonwealth, across all generations and geographical boundaries. The Trust will work to deliver iconic projects, within its five year life span, that are a fitting and enduring tribute to Her Majesty The Queen.

Two examples of projects supported by the Trust are:

Avoidable Blindness

The Trust will boost funding for proven interventions and work to improve community eye care through training, research and innovation. Trust projects will concentrate on tackling trachoma, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy – diseases that threaten the sight of millions of people across the Commonwealth. This global initiative aims to end avoidable blindness by 2020. It is worth noting that 39 million people are blind globally and 285 million people are visually impaired. 90% of blind people live in developing countries, but over 80% of visual impairment is avoidable.

Exceptional Young People.

The Trust will invest in Young People across the Commonwealth. Young people make up more than half of the Commonwealth's population – closer to three quarters in many developing countries. Young people are often overlooked or marginalised and their energy, skills and enthusiasm are not harnessed for national and global development.

The Trust is open to donations from individuals, groups, organisations and companies, both inside and outside the Commonwealth.

