

Grenfell Tower National Memorial Service

Remembrance,
Community
and Hope

Thursday 14th December 2017
11 am

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community.

We are committed to the diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here because we are followers of Jesus Christ. We are a Fairtrade Cathedral and use fairly traded communion wine at all celebrations of the Eucharist, and this order of service is printed on sustainably-produced paper. Thank you for being with us today. If you need any help, please ask a member of staff. Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you when you go back to your homes and places of worship.

A creche is available. Please speak to a member of staff. Children must be accompanied.



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

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Music before the service

Before the service, music is provided by the Salvation Army Band of North London, the Ebony Steel Band and Nicholas Freestone, Organ Scholar of St Paul's Cathedral.

At 10.50 am, remain seated as the Lord Mayor is received at the Great West Door.

At 10.55 am, Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince Henry of Wales are received at the Great West Door. Please stand as they are escorted to their seats.

Processional Hymn

during which a banner with a large green heart and 'Grenfell' written across it is carried in from the Great West Door by a representative of the Al-Manaar Mosque and a local Roman Catholic priest and placed at the front of the Cathedral under the Dome.

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then you shall better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Words: *Stille meine Wille, dein Jesus hilft siegen*
Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697-after 1768)
trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-97)

Tune: *Finlandia*
Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Sit

Welcome

given by

The Very Reverend Dr David Ison,
Dean of St Paul's

On behalf of this Cathedral in London, welcome each one of you to this National Memorial Service of Remembrance, Community and Hope. Among us are survivors of the fire in Grenfell Tower exactly six months ago; those who have lost members of their families, or their friends; those who live or work in North Kensington as neighbours and members of the local community; those who served others as front-line responders or volunteers, or who assisted with the immediate tasks of coping with the losses of lives, homes and livelihoods; and there are representatives of our national life, because this is a nation that grieves at the unspeakable tragedy, loss and hurt of that June day.

The welcome also includes all of you watching on national television, among whom are those painfully affected who could not face such a public event, those who would have liked to have been here in solidarity, those whose hearts go out to the many whose lives have been lost or changed for ever.

In this service we come together as people of different faiths and none, as we remember with love before God those whose lives were lost, and pray for them to be at peace; as we are alongside brothers and sisters who have lost their homes and their community and those they love; as we commit ourselves to care for each other and to be united in the face of suffering and sorrow; as we seek each other's help and resolve to build on our hopes for a future in which the tragedy that struck the peoples of Grenfell Tower will never happen again.

So now, together, we remember and reflect.

The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral sings

Anthem

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die,
but they are in peace.

Words: Wisdom 3. 1-2

Music: Stanley Marchant (1883-1949)
Organist of St Paul's (1927-36)

read by

The Reverend Canon Tricia Hillas,
Canon Pastor

Here begins the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

Matthew 5. 1-12

Voices from Grenfell

An oud sounds as a prelude to the following sound montage.

A sound montage of voices from Grenfell, expressing the different emotions experienced during the tragedy and since, is played.

The oud sounds again.

Song

Every time
You feel like you cannot go on,
You feel so lost and that you're so alone
All you see is night
And darkness all around.
You feel so helpless you can't see which way to go.
Don't despair
And never lose hope
'Cause Allah is always by your side.

*Insha Allah,
Insha Allah,
Insha Allah,
You'll find your way.*

Every time
You take one look around,
You then remember that they're really gone.
You're so confused,
What is right and what is wrong,
How to choose and how to carry on.
But don't despair
And never lose hope
'Cause Allah is always by your side.

Address

given by

The Right Reverend Graham Tomlin,
Bishop of Kensington

**For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned:
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator-God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.**

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Tune: *Alleluia Dulce Carmen*
Essay on the Church Plain Chant (London, 1782)

Remain standing

Commemoration

led by

The Dean

Let us remember those who died in the tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Let us remember and not forget.

Let us remember, united in grief and hope and love.

Silence is kept.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.

They are at peace.

Sit

The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral sings

Anthem

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.
And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain,
for the former things are passed away.

Words: Revelation 21. 1-4

Music: Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

The Prayers

led by

The Reverend James Milne,
Minor Canon and Sacrist

The Reverend Rosemary Morton,
Minor Canon and Succentor

Jackie Blanchflower,
Church Leader, Latymer Community Church

The Reverend Dr Alan Everett,
Vicar, St Clement and St James, North Kensington

Pastor Derrick Wilson,
Chairman, Tabernacle Christian School

The Reverend Jacqueline Brown,
Senior Minister, Lighthouse Community Fellowship

The Reverend Mike Long,
Minister, Notting Hill Methodist Church

Major Dawn Scott,
Church Leader, The Salvation Army, Notting Hill

United in grief and hope and love,
let us pray for each other,
and for the world in which we live.

Remain seated or kneel

Kyrie eleison.

We pray for the families and friends
of those who died in the Grenfell Tower fire,
for all who mourn the loss of a loved one.
May we be comforted in our time of grief.

*Lord, hear our prayer,
Kyrie eleison.*

We pray for those who survived this tragedy,
for all who are scarred by the horrors of that fateful night.
May all our memories be healed.

*Lord, hear our prayer,
Kyrie eleison.*

We pray for those who rushed to rescue,
for the members of our emergency services.
May we be saved from all that threatens us.

*Lord, hear our prayer,
Kyrie eleison.*

We pray for those who have offered their support,
for all who sustain us with their care and friendship.
May we grow through the love of others.

*Lord, hear our prayer,
Kyrie eleison.*

We pray for those in authority,
for all who will learn from this disaster.
May we live to see a better world.

*Lord, hear our prayer,
Kyrie eleison.*

We pray for the communities of which we are part,
for those alongside whom we live.
May our shared sorrows bring us closer together.

*Lord, hear our prayer,
Kyrie eleison.*

God our maker,
You know our hearts and share our sorrows.
We are wounded by the tragedy that has befallen us
and by our parting from those we loved:
when we are angry at the loss we have sustained,
when we long for words of comfort,
yet find them hard to hear,
turn our grief to truer living,
our affliction to firmer hope,
and our sorrow to deeper joy.

Amen.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray in faith and trust:

**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 Ebony Steel Band plays

Music

I did my best, it wasn't much,
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch.
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you.
And even though it all went wrong,
I'll stand before the lord of song,
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah.

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Words and music: Leonard Cohen (1934-2016)

read by

Maria Jafari,
bereaved daughter

I will be with you in the grave
on the night you leave behind
your shop and your family.
When you hear my soft voice
echoing in your tomb,
you will realize
that you were never hidden from my eyes.
I am the pure awareness within your heart,
with you during joy and celebration,
suffering and despair.

On that strange and fateful night
you will hear a familiar voice –
you'll be rescued from the fangs of snakes
and the searing sting of scorpions.
The euphoria of love will sweep over your grave;
it will bring friends, candles and food . . .

Had everyone sought God
instead of crumbs and copper coins,
they would not be sitting on the edge of the moat
in darkness and regret.

What kind of gossip-house
have you opened in our city?
Close your lips
and shine on the world
like loving sunlight.

Shine like the Sun of Tabriz rising in the East.
Shine like the star of victory.

Jalal ad-Dīn Muhammad Rūmī (1207-73)
trans. Jonathan Star

Stand

Act of Commitment

The ministers representing different world faiths speak together the following words

We resolve to continue working together
to make our local community a place where everyone is valued,
where everyone has the opportunity to live free from fear
to become what they can be and to live peacefully with all.
May we be given vision, compassion and patience
as we resolve to work together. So be it.

The people respond

**We will work with you as we stand together
in the quest for justice and peace,
remembering those who have died,
and committing ourselves to the future good of our community
in hope and love and peace.**

Sit

during which local school children bring forward small green hearts which they have made at school and scatter them across the front of the Dome dais to remember those who died.

There's a place for us,
Somewhere a place for us.
Peace and quiet and open air
Wait for us
Somewhere.

There's a time for us,
Some day a time for us,
Time together with time to spare,
Time to learn, time to care,
Some day!

Somewhere.
We'll find a new way of living,
We'll find a way of forgiving
Somewhere . . .

There's a place for us,
A time and place for us.
Hold my hand and we're halfway there.
Hold my hand and I'll take you there
Somehow,
Some day,
Somewhere!

Words: Stephen Sondheim (b.1930)

Music: from *West Side Story*
Leonard Bernstein (1918-90)
arr. William Stickles (1882-1971)

The Blessing

given by

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby,
Archbishop of Canterbury

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 peace, now and for ever.

Amen.

Stand

Hymn

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;**

**Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
based on Psalm 90

Tune: *St Anne*
attrib. William Croft (1678-1727)

*The bereaved and survivors, carrying photographs of their loved ones and white roses,
follow the Grenfell banner and leave together in silence through the Great West Door.*

*The banner will be taken to the Grenfell Tower area after the service and be carried
in this evening's silent march.*

To exit, please follow the directions of the Wandsmen and Stewards.

St Paul's is delighted to be a partner of the

Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants

The Centre welcomes refugees and asylum seekers at many different stages of their journey, from those waiting to hear about an asylum claim, to others with refugee status who need help with learning English, or other aspects of settling in the UK. It takes time and effort to find a way to belong, especially after leaving one's own country under traumatic conditions, and the centre strives to give people that time and assistance.

The Centre's particular concern is for refugees and asylum seekers who don't yet speak English and so find it hard to communicate. Working together to they build a safe, positive experience of community where people can share their gifts with one another and strangers can become friends. Men and women from all over the world including Eritrea, Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, China, Colombia, Iran, Iraq and India are part of this community.

Due to changes in the way English as a second language is funded, the Centre had to reduce the number of days it was open in September 2015 to just one day a week. Thanks to a successful appeal led by actor Juliet Stevenson the Centre has been able to open three days a week. Further urgent fundraising is taking place in the hope that the Centre can maintain this.

For more information and to donate if you are able, please go to:

islingtoncentre.co.uk

Morning Prayer is said daily at 7.30 am.
Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am and 12.30 pm daily.
Choral Evensong is usually sung daily at 5 pm,
except on occasional Mondays when Evening Prayer is said.
On Sundays, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am, 11.30 am, and 6 pm;
Mattins is sung at 10.15 am and Evensong at 3.15 pm.
For further information telephone 020 7236 4128.
St Paul's Cathedral website can be found at stpauls.co.uk
St Paul's Institute website can be found at stpaulsinstitute.org.uk
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