



Evensong

in Commemoration of the
70th Anniversary of the
Battle of the Atlantic

Eve of the Ascension

Wednesday 8th May 2013

5 pm

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.

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The Cathedral Choir is directed by Simon Johnson, Organist and Assistant Director of Music. The Organ is played for the service by Timothy Wakerell, Sub-Organist, and before the service by Richard Moore, Organ Scholar.

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.

A loop system is in operation throughout the Cathedral. Hearing aids should be switched to the 'T' position.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

From 4.30 pm to 4.50 pm, music is played by the Band of the Royal Marines.

Music before the service

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| <i>Fantasy on British Sea Songs</i> | Gordon Langford |
| <i>Lux Aurumque</i> | Eric Whitacre |
| <i>Plymouth Hoe</i> | John Ansell |

Organ music before the service

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| <i>Andante espressivo</i> from <i>Sonata in G</i> (Op. 28, No 1) | Edward Elgar (1857-1934) |
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At 4.50 pm, remain seated as the Chapter proceed to the North Door of the Cathedral.

At 4.55 pm, the Lord Mayor is greeted by the Chapter at the North Door.

At 4.58 pm, stand as the Choir, the College of Minor Canons, the Visiting Clergy, the College of Canons and the Preacher proceed from the Dean's Aisle to their places in the Quire.

At 5 pm, all stand to sing

Processional Hymn

during which the Chapter escorts the Lord Mayor to his place under the Dome and the Standards are presented at the Dome Altar.

**Eternal Monarch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought
And conquering grace's battle fought:**

**Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.**

**Yea, angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
For flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.**

**Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Amen.**

Words: Latin, c. 5th century
trans. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Tune: *Gonfalon Royal*
Percy Buck (1871-1947)

The Bidding

given by

The Right Reverend Michael Colclough,
Canon Pastor, Canon in Residence

Dear friends in Christ, welcome to this Cathedral Church as we come together before God to remember the seventieth anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic, which played a decisive role in ending the Second World War and bringing about justice and peace.

We commend to God the many thousands of personnel, from both the Royal and Merchant Navies and the Royal Air Force, who sacrificed their lives to provide for and protect this nation. We pray for the repose of the souls of those who died and we remember, too, those whose lives were changed forever through the injury and trauma they suffered during this Battle.

We pray for those men and women who serve in our naval and military forces today; those who are parted from family and friends and who make sacrifices to ensure our safety and wellbeing.

On this, the eve of the Church's celebration of Christ's Ascension we give thanks for his defeat over the power of sin and death and his place above the dominions of the earth. We pray that through our joyful obedience to his call we may usher in a new kingdom of righteousness and peace as we pray together in the words of our Saviour, Jesus Christ:

**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: Philip Moore (b.1943)

Sit

Psalm 46

God is our hope and strength:
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell:
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God:
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed:
God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved:
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord:
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world:
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,
and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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: from Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Sit

The First Lesson

read by

The Canon in Residence

Here begins the forty-third chapter of the Prophecy of Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Isaiah 43. 1-7

Silence is kept.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Stand with the Choir, who sing

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 minor*
Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-56)

Sit

The Second Lesson

read by

Admiral Sir George Zambellas KCB DSC ADC,
First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff

Here begins the thirty-fifth verse of the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Mark.

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Mark 4. 35-41

Silence is kept.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Stand with the Choir, who sing

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 minor*
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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, ○ Lord;
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, ○ God.

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

The Collect of the Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: from Psalm 122

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Sit or kneel

The Prayers

led by

The Reverend Sarah Eynstone,
Minor Canon and Chaplain

The Reverend Scott Brown RN,
Chaplain of the Fleet

The Reverend David Potterton,
Principal Chaplain, the Sailors' Society

The Reverend Monsignor Andrew McFadden RN,
Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain Royal Navy

Commodore David Dickens RN,
Chief Executive, the Fishermen's Mission

At the conclusion of the Prayers, the Chaplain says

Let us remember those Merchant Navy personnel who gave their lives in
the Battle of the Atlantic.

Silence is kept.

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Address

given by

The Right Reverend Stephen Venner,
Bishop to the Forces

Stand

Hymn

during which the collection is taken for the work of the Cathedral and the charities it supports and the Standards are returned. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are a UK taxpayer.

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;**

***O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.***

**O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep:**

**O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:**

**O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:**

***And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.***

Words: William Whiting (1825-78)

Tune: *Melita*
J. B. Dykes (1823-76)

The Blessing

given by

The Canon in Residence

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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!**

Remain standing as the Chapter escorts the Lord Mayor to the Dean's Aisle.

*Remain standing as the Choir, the College of Minor Canons, the Visiting Clergy
and the College of Canons return to the Dean's Aisle.*

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary, or to leave by
the West Doors and to watch the March Past.*

Organ Voluntary

Toccata (The Wanderer)

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Battle of the Atlantic 70th Anniversary

The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest continuous military campaign of World War II and resulted in the loss of some 30-40,000 Merchant Navy personnel and around 5,000 ships. The turning point in the campaign for the Allies was May 1943 when German submarine losses became unsustainable. To mark the 70th anniversary of this historic event, the Royal Navy, supported by representatives from the Merchant Navy and other maritime organisations, is holding a series of events across the UK during May 2013.

The main focus of activity will be Liverpool, although there will be a number of events elsewhere, including London and Londonderry.

“More than any other campaign in our nation’s history, the Battle of the Atlantic reminds us of our enduring dependency on the sea for our survival. The sacrifices made by courageous seafarers from both sides of the Atlantic, to feed and fuel our island nation, are remembered with pride and gratitude.”

Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE ADC,
First Sea Lord

The Battle of the Atlantic was the dominating factor all through the war. Never for one moment could we forget that everything happening elsewhere, on land, at sea, or in the air, depended ultimately on its outcome, and amid all other cares we viewed its changing fortunes day by day with hope or apprehension.

Winston Churchill