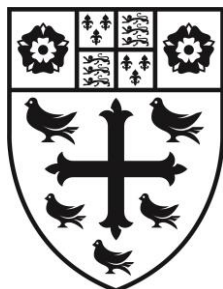


Westminster Abbey



A Service of Thanksgiving
to mark the centenary
of police women in
the Metropolitan Police Service



Friday 17th May 2019
Noon



On 18th October 1918, Commissioner Sir Cecil Macready submitted his recommendation to the Secretary of State (Home Secretary) 'for the experimental formation of a body of Women Police'. He added: 'I wish to emphasise the fact that the above scheme is to be regarded as experimental in every sense.'

The above image, taken in 1919 on the Clive Steps, King Charles Street, SW1, depicts the first group photograph of the early Women's Patrol, with their leader Superintendent Sofia Stanley, and in their uniforms, which were made by Harrods. The first patrols had no power of arrest, which did not come into being until 1923 when female officers were attested and given full powers.

Today, the Metropolitan Police Service is proud to have over 8,000 female officers who have successfully followed in the footsteps of the first pioneers.

*Sioban Clark, Archivist
Metropolitan Women's Police Association*

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

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are switched off.

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of Choristers.

The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

Before the service, Mathew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays

Nun danket alle Gott Sigfrid Karg-Elert
from 66 Chorale Improvisations Op 65 (1877–1933)

Cantabile César Franck
from Three Pieces (1822–90)

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot' Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 678 (1685–1750)

Rorate caeli Jeanne Demessieux
from 12 Chorale Preludes (1921–68)
based on Gregorian Themes

The Metropolitan Police Choir, directed by Richard Fox, sings

O nata lux Morten Lauridsen (b 1943)

Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

'Hallelujah' Chorus George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)
from The Messiah

The Assistant Organist plays

Allegretto from Sonata in G Op 28 Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

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Cressida Dick CBE QPM, The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made.

The High Sheriff of Greater London, Iqbal Wahhab OBE, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat.

The Reverend Canon Dr Flora Winfield DL, representing the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and she is conducted to her seat.

The Right Honourable Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat.

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Deputy High Steward, Councillor Ruth Bush, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All stand as she is conducted to her seat, and then sit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

SING joyfully unto God our strength;
sing loud unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel;
the pleasant harp, and the viol.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon,
even in the time appointed, and at our feast-day.
For this is a statute for Israel
and a law of the God of Jacob.

William Byrd (c 1540–1623)

Psalm 81: 1–4

All sing

THE HYMN

during which the procession moves to places in Quire and the Sacrarium and the Metropolitan Police Service Colours, borne by Superintendent Audrey Shannon, escorted by Detective Sergeant Amakai Kefas, Police Constable Kathryn Davies, and Beverley Edwards, Chair of the Metropolitan Police Women's Association, are presented to the Dean and placed on the High Altar



PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Lobe den Herren 440 NEH
Praxis pietatis melica 1668

Joachim Neander (1650–80)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, says

THE BIDDING

IT is a particular pleasure on behalf of the Dean and Chapter today to welcome to Westminster Abbey representatives of women in policing as we celebrate the centenary of the first women to join the Police Service of the Metropolis. It is an added joy on this occasion that the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis is the first woman to serve in that distinguished role.

We honour today the important role of all female police officers alongside their male counterparts, noting that the initiative a hundred years ago was considered to be experimental, and therefore highly tentative, but quickly became normative.

We shall hear testimonies and we shall pray for the important work of the police service in this city and more widely. And later in the service we look forward to hearing the address of the first woman serving as the 133rd Bishop of London.

All sit for

THE TESTIMONIES

by

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D’Orsi

and

Inspector Leanne Alleyne

Patricia Gallan QPM, Assistant Commissioner (retired), reads

THE FIRST READING

JUST as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

1 Corinthians 12: 12–20

The choir sings

THE MOTET

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis

St John 14: 15–17a

Detective Inspector Beverley Kofi, Homicide and Major Crime, reads

THE SECOND READING

JESUS said to his disciples, ‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

St John 15: 9–17

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



LORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Slane 239 NEH
in Patrick Joyce's Old Irish Folk Music and Songs 1909

Jan Struther (1901–53)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable
Dame Sarah Mullally DBE
Bishop of London

The choir sings

TE DEUM

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud :
 the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin, and seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world :
 doth acknowledge thee;
the Father : of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true : and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
 thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
 thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
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.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924) in B flat

The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us give thanks and pray to almighty God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

All kneel or remain seated.

Police Constable Bianca Campbell says

FOR the whole human family, created in God's image to share in his life and know the fullness of his love; keep that all may recognise the infinite worth and dignity of every woman, man, and child;

let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sioban Clark, Archivist, Metropolitan Women's Police Association, says

FOR the Metropolitan Police Service these past one hundred years, and especially for the women who have served and continue to serve within it; for all whose vision and persistence have made it a more diverse and equitable service;

let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Police Sergeant Stevie Bull says

FOR the Home Secretary and all who serve within Her Majesty's Government and Most Loyal Opposition to ensure our protection from all manner of danger, terror, and injustice; for the work of Parliament, and for all who devote themselves to serving the public good;

let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Inspector Lisa Hudson says

FOR the safety of all who continue to serve at all levels within the Metropolitan Police Service; for their families and friends who support them in their duties; and that they may be duly recognised and appreciated for their tireless vigilance on our behalf;

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon in Residence, says

FOR the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all people; for an end to divisions between and within nations and peoples; and for people of conscience everywhere, who work for a better future;

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Precentor concludes

As we await the coming of the heavenly city with eternal foundations, let us pray in the words our Saviour Jesus Christ has given 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The choir sings

THE MOTET

during which a wreath is borne through the church and is laid at the base of the statue of Sir Robert Peel in the North Transept by Chief Superintendent Kate Halpin, escorted by Police Constable Faye McSweeney and Head Cadet at Fulham and Hammersmith Annie Lewis, wearing the 1919 dress uniform

JUSTORUM animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
but they are in peace.*

Charles Villiers Stanford

Wisdom 3: 1–2a, 3b

A REFLECTION

from

Cressida Dick CBE QPM

The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

All stand to sing

THE HYMN

AND did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

Jerusalem 488 NEH
Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

William Blake (1757–1827)

The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious Queen.
G Long live our noble Queen.
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The Queen.

All remain standing as the procession moves to the west end of the Abbey Church.

Music after the service

Toccatà from Symphonie V

Charles Marie Widor (1844–1937)

**Members of the congregation are requested to remain in their
places
until invited to move by the Honorary Stewards**

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung