



**A Service of Remembrance
and Commemoration on the
Fourth Anniversary of the
London Bridge Attack**

Thursday 3 June 2021

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

The Welcome and Bidding

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral, in the heart of London, alongside the Borough Market and London Bridge. Whether you are here in person or joining us as part of the broadcast online, we are glad that you can be with us as together we mark the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attack on London Bridge and the Borough Market.

On the evening of the 3rd June 2017, eight people lost their lives: eight people working here, enjoying this place, relaxing in its inclusive atmosphere. They were eight people from around the world, as were the 48 people whose injuries we know about and the many people who were mentally and emotionally scarred that evening.

Then in November 2019, there was a second attack in this area as two people were killed and others injured at Fishmongers' Hall and, for many in this community, old wounds were reopened and old memories were revived.

The olive tree by which, later in the service we will be laying flowers in remembrance, was planted and blessed on the first anniversary of the attack. Around its base are written some words from the Bible, 'The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations'. Those words are as true today as they were back then.

So, first of all, let us pray.

For those who died four years ago:

Christine Archibald
Sebastien Belanger
Kirsty Boden
Ignacio Echeverría
James McMullan
Alexandre Pigeard
Xavier Thomas
Sara Zelenak

For their families and friends and all who will be mourning them today.

For those who were injured that night and those who continue on the path of physical, mental and emotional recovery.

For the families of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones for whom this day will be poignant, and for all who were caught up in the attack at Fishmongers' Hall.

For this community, for the Borough Market and the people of this Cathedral and Bankside.

For those of other faith communities, for all who live by the values of inclusion and welcome.

For the Police and the Emergency Services,
called to respond on the front line in challenging
circumstances.

For all who are sick, afraid, alone, bereaved and
exhausted in this continuing time of pandemic
and for the healing of the nations.

We bring all our needs and prayers to God as we
pray as Jesus taught us:

**All 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.**

Unchanging God,
as time moves on, you remain constant,
as year rolls into year, you are as you are.
Hold us in your love
as we remember again
the events that took loved ones from us,
the events that changed our lives,
the events that bring us here.
Bring us through this present time
to the brink of your eternity
where with all we love
we will be enfolded in you
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Reading

Romans 8. 31–39

Read by Warren Scott, British Transport Police.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand

of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 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, nor 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.

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Led by David Quirke-Thornton.

The Dean introduces and leads

The Litany of Reconciliation for the Community of the Cross of Nails

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race
from race, class from class,

All Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to
possess what is not their own,

All Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,

All Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

All Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee,

All Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men,
women and children,

All Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

All Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

All Amen.

The Laying of Wreaths and Flowers

Following the laying of wreaths and flowers, silence is kept in remembrance of those who have lost their lives in the London Bridge and Fishmongers' Hall attacks.

The Dean continues

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Let us pray.

O God,
who has delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the light of your kingdom:
grant that we also may walk in newness of life and seek those things that are above.

All Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop of Southwark

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you,
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

All Amen.

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