

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

> Friday 3 June 2022 2.30pm

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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.

Music before the Service

A Solemn Melody · Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941) Nimrod from Enigma Variations · Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Civic guests are received by The Dean of Southwark and are conducted to their places. All remain seated.

All stand at the direction of the stewards.

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London is received by The Dean of Southwark and is conducted to his seat.

All remain standing as the procession enters.

The Welcome and Bidding

The Dean of Southwark

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 online, we are glad that you can be with us as together we mark the fifth 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 night.

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 in the Cathedral's Churchyardwas 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 five 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 our continuing safety and protection; and that our communities and nations may be preserved from terror and violence.

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; and for the healing of the nations.

Longing for God's kingdom of justice, compassion and peace, we bring all our needs and prayers to God, as we pray in the words that 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.

Hymn CP 442

God is Love: let heav'n adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice. He who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heav'ns above, he who breathes through all creation, he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace; with unfailing grasp he holdeth every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign. Please sit.

Remembering

Reading Wisdom 4.8–11, 13–15

Read by Wayne Marques, British Transport Police.

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Old age is not honoured for length of time, or measured by number of years; but understanding is grey hair for anyone, and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him,

and while living among sinners were taken up. They were caught up so that evil might not change

their understanding or guile deceive their souls. Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,

therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.

Yet the peoples saw and did not understand, or take such a thing to heart,

that God's grace and mercy are with his elect, and that he watches over his holy ones.

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 121

Sung by the Cathedral Choir. During the Psalm, candles are lit in memory of those who died or were injured in the attacks.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm Chant: Henry Walford-Davies

Please stand.

Act of Memorial

The Bishop says

Let us stand in silence and remember all who were killed, injured or in any way harmed in the attack, and all who have been traumatised by the events at London Bridge and in the Borough Market on the evening of 3rd June 2017. Silence is kept. At the end of the silence the Bishop says

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

John 1.5

Let us pray.

O God, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, has delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the light of your kingdom: grant that as he was raised from the dead, so we also may walk in newness of life and seek those things that are above.

All Amen.

Please sit.

Anthem

Sleep · Eric Whitacre

Sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Reconciliation

Reading Luke 10.25–28

Read by Sir Kenneth Olisa, Lore-Lieutenant of Greater London.

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

For the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Led by Eleanor Kelly, Chief Executive of Southwark Council.

Please stand. 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.

Anthem

Bring us, O Lord God · William Harris

Sung by the Choir.

Compassion and Hope for the Future

Reading

'Heavy' by Mary Oliver from her anthology 'Thirst'

Read by Amir Eden.

Anthem Ubi Caritas • Maurice Duruflé

Sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Address The Right Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark

Please stand.

Hymn NEH 353

During the hymn, those involved in the dedication of the Memorial Plaque proceed to Cathedral Square.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

At the end of the hymn, all are invited to proceed to Cathedral Square for the dedication of the Memorial Plaque. Please follow the directions of the Stewards.

Dedication of the Memorial Plaque

Those remaining inside the Cathedral are invited to sit at the end of the hymn. Cathedral Square can be seen on the screens.

The Bishop says

I will bless the Lord at all times; All his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

The Mayor of Southwark, Councillor Sunil Chopra, says

Bishop Christopher, we invite you to dedicate and bless this plaque as a memorial to all who were caught up in the attack five years ago.

The Bishop says

I am delighted to do so.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, to you be praise and honour for ever.As we dedicate and bless this memorial plaque in your name, may we be strengthenedby the assurance of your love in Christ Jesus.

Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those whom we commemorate in this memorial; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Memorial Plaque is sprinkled with holy water and censed. Flowers are laid by the Memorial Plaque.

Sending Out

Statement of Commitment

The Bishop says

Together let us affirm our shared humanity and our resolve to bring healing and life to all.

All We will pursue justice. We will show mercy. We will seek peace.

The Blessing

The Bishop says

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; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all evermore.

All Amen.

At 4.00pm, an Interfaith Tea will be hosted by the Baitul Aziz Islamic Cultural Centre at Harper Road Mosque, 1 Dickens Square, SE1 4JL. All are invited. The cover image is 'Thames Sunset' by John Duffin. We are very grateful to him for giving permission for it to be used for this occasion.

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