

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL EGLWYS GADEIRIOL LLANDAF



A Homecoming Service
to celebrate the safe return of
1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards
from Mali

Friday 8th July 2022
at 11.00 am



All stand as the clergy enter the Nave.

THE OPENING HYMN

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE STANDARD

The Standard party with the Standard carried aloft move forward, halting beneath the Majestas. After handing over the Standard to the Cathedral Clergy, the Standard party withdraws. Once the Colour party has left the Cathedral, the Congregation should remain standing.

THE WELCOME and BIDDING

*The Reverend Canon Mark Preece
Canon Precentor of Llandaff Cathedral*

We have come together in the presence of Almighty God to worship him in spirit and in truth and to dedicate ourselves afresh to his service. We give thanks to God for all that is good and especially for the Regiment's safe return from peace-keeping duties in Mali. We pray for that country and for all places of conflict across the world. We give thanks for those who risk their lives that others may live in peace.

We pray that the kingdom values of peace and justice may triumph in this world and, in the language of our choice, we pray for the coming of God's kingdom as Jesus himself has taught 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.**

**Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,
sancteiddier dy enw.
Deled dy deyrnas,
gwneler dy ewyllys,
megis yn y nef felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol
a maddau i ni ein dyledion
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth
eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas,
a'r gallu, a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd.
Amen.**

All sit.

THE BIBLE READINGS

Read by Lance Corporal Williams and Captain Holland

The Old Testament reading: from the Second Book of the Kings.

Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, 'At such and such a place shall be my camp.' But Elisha, the man of God, sent word to the king of Israel, 'Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.' The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. Several time he warned such a place so that it was on the alert.

The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, 'Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?' Then one of his officers said, 'No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak.' He said, 'Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.' He was told, 'He is in Dothan.' So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city.

When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, 'Alas, master! What shall we do?' He replied, 'Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.' Then Elisha prayed: 'O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, 'Strike this people, please, with blindness.' So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. Elisha said to them, 'This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.' And he led them to Samaria.

As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, 'O Lord, open the eyes of these men so that they may see.' The Lord opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, 'Father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?' He answered, 'No! Did you capture with your sword and your bow those whom you want to kill? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink; and let them go to their master.' So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel.

2 Kings 6.8-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament reading: from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 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. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

1 Corinthians 12. 4-6 & 12-26

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THE SERMON

The Venerable Mike Komor

Archdeacon of Margam and Acting Dean of Llandaff

All stand to sing:

HYMN

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him 'round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might, though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

All kneel or sit.

THE PRAYERS

The Reverend Canon Mark Preece
Canon Precentor of Llandaff Cathedral

God of all, in the desire for peace, may we be restless until war and conflicts cease. May we honour the millions killed in war by being active and committed peacemakers in our time.

Kindle your love within us

that we may be your light in the world and channels of your peace.

God of time and eternity, help us, in our human frailty, to be the people you would have us be. May we respond to human need through loving service, to reach out with unconditional love to all.

Kindle your love within us

that we may be your light in the world and channels of your peace.

God of all compassion, may we always be alert to the needs of others and be ready and willing to respond; to treat all others as we ourselves would wish to be treated.

Kindle your love within us

that we may be your light in the world and channels of your peace.

God of justice, give us your passion to work for a world where all may live in safety. Lead us from falsehood to truth, darkness to light, and from death to life.

Kindle your love within us

that we may be your light in the world and channels of your peace.

God of hope, we thank you for our rich diversity.

Together may we be receivers and givers of wisdom and faithfulness.

Kindle your love within us

that we may be your light in the world and channels of your peace.

A PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN AND THE COMMONWEALTH

Almighty God, fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her in this nation and throughout the Commonwealth; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing:

HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.
Be thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord.
Be thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my Inheritance, now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, thou Heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won.
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Acting Dean addresses the congregation:

Let us commit ourselves afresh to responsible living and faithful service.

And so I ask, will you strive for all that makes peace? Will you seek to heal the wounds of war, and will you work for a just future for all of humanity?

We will.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve all people in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Regimental Collect of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards

O Lord God, whose throne is in heaven and whose eyes behold the children of men, grant that as thy prophet saw the valiant horse eager to go forth through the earth on thy service, so may the Queen's Dragoon Guards, united in keeping thy Royal Law and thinking no evil in their hearts, ever seek to serve their Sovereign and their native land in thee and for thee, who art one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Mae hen wlad fy Nhadau
Yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion
Enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr
Gwladgarwyr tra môd
Dros ryddid collasant eu gwaed:
Gwlad, Gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad
Tra'r môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau
O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau

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!

THE BLESSING

The Acting Dean

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; 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 with you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Standard Party retrieves the Standard and leaves the Cathedral.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Llandaff Cathedral.



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