

**The Guild Church of St Katharine Cree
86 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3BP**



**HMT Lancastria
Annual Remembrance Service**

1pm, Thursday 9th June 2022

**Welcome to the members of
the former HMT Lancastria Association
for this Remembrance Service**

The loss of the HMT Lancastria

On the morning of the 17th June 1940, HMT Lancastria was anchored three miles off St. Nazaire, a port on the French Atlantic Coast. She, along with a number of ships, had been ordered to repatriate British Servicemen and Civilians who had been left in France after the evacuation of Dunkirk.

By mid-afternoon almost nine thousand people were packed aboard the Lancastria when she was hit four times by enemy bombs. Within half an hour she had sank with a loss of life at least equal to the combined losses of the 'Lusitania' (c. 1200) and 'Titanic' (c.1513).

It is appropriate that the memorial service for this tragic maritime disaster is held at St. Katharine Cree as this church was frequented by mariners who sailed into London Docks from Eastern lands and ports over many past years. The East India Dock Company Offices were also very near the church.

As we look at the magnificent Lancastria memorial window we have the opportunity to remember, to pray for and to thank all who go to sea for whatever reason to keep us safe and deliver goods and services to our country.

We extend our thanks to the members of Lloyd's Choir for their presence and assistance in our service this afternoon, and to our organist Colin Spinks.

The Celebrant and Preacher is Fr Angus Ritchie.

The Gathering

The Congregation is asked to join in all the texts printed in bold.

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Opening Hymn

(Tune: Cwm Rhondda - J. Hughes)

**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,
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
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 and praises,
I will ever give to thee.**

(W. Williams)

Prayers of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

**Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect dedicated to all Seafarers

**Lord and heavenly Father,
we commend to Thy keeping all those who sail the seas.
Guard them in danger, protect them in temptation,
sustain them in loneliness and support them in sickness and anxiety.
Bless all who minister to their bodily and spiritual needs,
and guide us all to the haven of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The First Reading

Psalm 107, vv.23 – 32

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sing *Kontakion of the Departed (Kyiv melody)*

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5, v.20-26

+ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

Glory be to thee, O Lord

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement."

But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Address

The Prayers

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: be pleased to receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants and those who serve in the fleet of our country.

Preserve them from the dangers of the sea and from the violence of the enemy; that they may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and her Dominions and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that they may return in safety to enjoy the fruits of their labours; and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we prepare for our Act of Remembrance, let us call to mind our loved ones and all who were involved in the sinking of HMT Lancastria on the 17th June 1940.

Let us say together:

We thank thee, O Father, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; for the memory of their words and deeds; for the sure and certain hope of reunion with them hereafter; for the joy that is now theirs, free from this earth's sin and sorrow and for our communion with them in thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. God our Father, we praise thy holy name for all who have lived and died in the faith of Christ and who are now at rest in him. Especially at this time we remember all those who were killed or injured on the Lancastria. Their example has encouraged us, their witness has inspired us and the memory of them makes us glad this day. For them all we thank Thee, we honour and worship Thee, as they do now by thy grace and in thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory Hymn

(Tune: Petra - R. Redhead)

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know.
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown
See thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, Cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.**

(A.M. Toplady)

The Laying of the Wreath

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the Sun and, in the morning,
we will remember them.
We will remember them.

A two-minute silence will follow

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

And now we give thee thanks
because through him thou hast given us
the hope of a glorious resurrection;
so that, although death comes to us all,
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;
for to thy faithful people life is changed, not taken away;
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

The choir sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Harold Darke, Communion Service in A minor)

All glory be to thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered,
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins
of the whole world; and did institute,
and in his holy gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee,
and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit,
we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants,
having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;
and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Breaking of the Bread

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The choir sing:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.

(Harold Darke, Communion Service in A minor)

The Communion

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion is said, for those joining online:

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world
and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist,
hearing thy holy Word
and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of thy dear Son,
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though I am exiled
from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life
I pray that thou wouldst unite me with all the baptized
and with thy Son who gave his life for us.
Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in me
and send thy Holy Spirit that I may be filled with thy presence.

During Communion, the choir sing *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

*(words from the Book of Common Prayer Burial Service,
music by Henry Purcell)*

The Prayers after Communion

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee,
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
which is the blessed company of all faithful people,
and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.
And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

The Final Hymn

(Tune: Melita - J.B. Dykes)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound 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 Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep;
And calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

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;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

(W. Whiting)

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen and the Commonwealth
and to all the people unity, peace and concord,
and to us and to all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The French National Anthem: *La Marseillaise*

**Allons, enfants de la Patrie,
Le jour de gloire est arrivé.
Contre nous de la tyrannie
L'étendard sanglant est levé
L'étendard sanglant est levé,
Entendez-vous dans les
Campagnes
Mugir ces féroces soldats?
Ils viennent jusque dans vos bras
Egorger vos fils, vos compagnes.**

***Aux armes, citoyens!
Formez vos bataillons!
Marchons, Marchons!
Qu'un sang impur
Abreuve nos sillons!***

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!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign;
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen!**

