

Westminster Abbey



A SERVICE FOR EUROPE DAY TO MARK THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHUMAN DECLARATION



Sunday 9 May 2010
6.30 pm

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Schuman Declaration is a declaration made by the then French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, on 9 May 1950. The Declaration is viewed as the first official step in the foundation of the present EU, since it led to the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community. In general, the Declaration can be described as a proposal to establish an organised Europe with close economic links with a view to maintaining peaceful relations between European countries.

The background to the Schuman Declaration was the tense climate following the Second World War pervaded by the 'cold war' and fear of a third world war. In addition to the political tensions, economic difficulties were also in prospect since European industry was threatened with a crisis due to overproduction of steel. There was a widespread view that it was necessary for the Western European countries to enter into new patterns of cooperation in order to meet the security and economic challenges of the time; in particular, it was considered necessary to establish cohesion between West Germany and the other Western European countries.

Through the Schuman Declaration, the French Government proposed that Franco-German coal and steel production be placed under the jurisdiction of a common body known as the 'High Authority' (the precursor of the Commission) in an organisation which would also be open to other European countries to join. After the presentation of the Schuman Declaration things moved rapidly. Against the background of the Declaration, an intergovernmental conference was convened in Paris to conduct negotiations on a new form of international cooperation, and the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community was signed in Paris on 18 April 1951 (the ECSC Treaty).

The six countries which signed the Treaty were France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Italy. The ECSC Treaty came into force on 23 July 1952, and the European Coal and Steel Community became a reality.

From an original membership of six states, there have been six successive enlargements of the European Union since 1951. The EU is currently composed of twenty-seven sovereign states, comprising twenty republics, six kingdoms, and one grand duchy. The member states of the EU are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Most of the church, with the exception of the North Transept, is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Please ensure that mobile phones, cellular phones, and pagers are switched OFF.

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

The London Bulgarian Choir is directed by Dessislava Stefanova.

The organ is played by Samuel Rathbone, Organ Scholar.

Music before the service:

Te Deum	<i>Pēteris Vasks (b 1946) Latvia</i>
Vater unser im Himmelreich BuxWV 219	<i>Diderik Buxtehude (1637–1707) Denmark</i>
Obra de falsas cromáticas de primeiro ton	<i>anonymous (17th century) Portugal</i>
Chorale no 3 in A	<i>César Franck (1822–90) Belgium</i>
Pari Intervallo	<i>Arvo Pärt (b 1935) Estonia</i>
Preludes 3 and 4 Op 1	<i>Karol Szymanowski (1882–1937) Poland</i>
Eight pieces for musical clocks	<i>Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809) Austria</i>

A procession of Ambassadors and Representatives of the member states of the European Union moves to places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received by The Dean and Chapter of Westminster and conducted to his place. All stand, then sit.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as a Procession of Collegiate and visiting Clergy moves to places in the Lantern.

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

THE WELCOME

All sing

THE HYMN

*during which the flag of the European Union
is presented to The Dean at the Lantern Altar.*

*The flag is borne and escorted by young nationals of
Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy,
Latvia, the Netherlands, Romania, and Slovenia.*



Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
make all men know he is your choice.
Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia!

The first Apostles round them drew
thousands of faithful men and true,
sharing a faith for ever new:
Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia!

Then magnify the Lord and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days:
Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia!

*Vulpus (Gelobt sei Gott) 345 NEH
Melchior Vulpus Gesangbuch 1609*

George Bell (1883–1958)

All sit. Laurence Auer, Cultural Counsellor and Director of the French Institute, representing the Ambassador of France, reads from the Great Pulpit

AN EXTRACT FROM THE SCHUMAN DECLARATION

L'Europe ne se fera pas d'un coup, ni dans une construction d'ensemble. Le rassemblement des nations européennes exige que l'opposition séculaire de la France et de l'Allemagne soit éliminée. L'action entreprise doit toucher au premier chef la France et l'Allemagne.

Dans ce but, le gouvernement français propose immédiatement l'action sur un point limité mais décisif. Le gouvernement français propose de placer l'ensemble de la production franco-allemande de charbon et d'acier sous une Haute Autorité commune, dans une organisation ouverte à la participation des autres pays d'Europe.

Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. The coming together of the nations of Europe requires the elimination of the age-old opposition of France and Germany. Any action taken must in the first place concern these two countries.

With this aim in view, the French Government proposes that action be taken immediately on one limited but decisive point. It proposes that Franco-German production of coal and steel as a whole be placed under a common High Authority, within the framework of an organisation open to the participation of the other countries of Europe.

All stand for

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

Let us bring before God our failures and weaknesses, those of our own hearts, and those of our nations: our pride, our self-seeking, the *opposition séculaire* which has hindered our unity and harmed our people; and let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All say together:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Dean pronounces

THE ABSOLUTION

All remain standing. The Choir sings:

Тебе поем,
Тебе благодарим,
Тебе благословим, Господи.
И молим Ти ся, Боже наш.

We sing to you, we thank you, we glorify you, our Lord; and we pray to you.

Добру Христов (1875–1941)

All remain standing to say

PSALM 67

God be gracious to us and bless us: and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth: your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for you will judge the peoples righteously and
govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*All sit. His Excellency Georg Boomgaarden, Ambassador of Germany, reads from the
Lectern*

REVELATION 21: 1–5a; 22: 1–5

Und ich sah einen neuen Himmel und eine neue Erde; denn der erste Himmel und die erste Erde sind vergangen, und das Meer ist nicht mehr. Und ich sah die heilige Stadt, das neue Jerusalem, aus dem Himmel herabsteigen von Gott, zubereitet wie eine für ihren Mann geschmückte Braut. Und ich hörte eine laute Stimme aus dem Himmel sagen: Siehe da, die Hütte Gottes bei den Menschen! Und er wird bei ihnen wohnen, und sie werden sein Volk sein, und Gott selbst wird bei ihnen sein, ihr Gott. Und Gott wird abwischen alle Tränen von ihren Augen, und der Tod wird nicht mehr sein, noch Leid noch Geschrei noch Schmerz wird mehr sein; denn das Erste ist vergangen. Und der auf dem Thron saß, sprach: Siehe, ich mache alles neu!

Und der Engel zeigte mir einen Strom vom Wasser des Lebens, glänzend wie Kristall, der vom Thron Gottes und des Lammes ausging, und inmitten ihrer Straßen und zu beiden Seiten des Stromes den Baum des Lebens, der zwölfmal Früchte trägt und jeden Monat seine Frucht gibt; und die Blätter des Baumes dienen zur Heilung der Völker. Und nichts Gebanntes wird mehr sein. Und der Thron Gottes und des Lammes wird in ihr sein, und seine Knechte werden ihm dienen; und sie werden sein Angesicht sehen, und sein Name wird auf ihren Stirnen sein. Und es wird keine Nacht mehr sein, und sie bedürfen nicht des Lichtes eines Leuchters, noch des Sonnenscheines; denn Gott der Herr wird sie erleuchten, und sie werden herrschen von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,
let us in thy name agree:
show thyself the Prince of Peace:
bid all strife for ever cease.

Still our fellowship increase,
knit us in the bond of peace:
join our new-born spirits, join
each to each, and all to thine.

Make us of one heart and mind,
courteous, pitiful, and kind;
lowly, meek in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.

Free from anger and from pride,
let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express,
all the heights of holiness.

*Vienna 380 AMNS
Justin Heinrich Knecht (1752–1817)*

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

All sit. His Excellency Dr Ion Jinga, Ambassador of Romania, reads

JOHN 17: 11b–23

Sfinte Tată, păzește, în Numele Tău, pe aceia pe cari Mi i-ai dat, pentruca ei să fie una, cum sîntem și noi. Cînd eram cu ei în lume, îi păzeam Eu în Numele Tău. Eu am păzit pe aceia, pe cari Mi i-ai dat; și niciunul din ei n'a perit, afară de fiul pierzării, ca să se împlinească Scriptura. Dar acum, Eu vin la Tine; și spun aceste lucruri, pe cînd sînt încă în lume, pentruca să aibă în ei bucuria Mea deplină. Le-am dat Cuvîntul Tău; și lumea i -a urît, pentrucă ei nu sînt din lume, dupăcum Eu nu sînt din lume. Nu Te rog să -i iei din lume, ci să -i păzești de cel rău. Ei nu sînt din lume, dupăcum nici Eu nu sînt din lume. Sfințește -i prin adevărul Tău: Cuvîntul Tău este adevărul. Cum M'ai trimes Tu pe Mine în lume, așa i-am trimes și Eu pe ei în lume. Și Eu însumi Mă sfințesc pentru ei, ca și ei să fie sfințiți prin adevăr. Și mă rog nu numai pentru ei, ci și pentru cei ce vor crede în Mine prin cuvîntul lor. Mă rog ca toți să fie una, cum Tu, Tată, ești în Mine, și Eu în Tine; ca, și ei să fie una în noi, pentru ca lumea să creadă că Tu M'ai trimes. Eu le-am dat slava, pe care Mi-ai dat -o Tu, pentruca ei să fie una, cum și noi sîntem una, -Eu în ei, și Tu în Mine; -pentruca ei să fie în chip desăvîrșit una, ca să cunoască lumea că Tu M'ai trimes, și că i-ai iubit, cum M-ai iubit pe Mine.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the word, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

All remain seated for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Reverend Canon Guy Wilkinson

National Inter-Religious Affairs Advisor

and Secretary for Inter-Religious Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury

All remain seated. The Choir sings

Кавал свир
Kaval Sviri

Кавал свир, мамо, ти ти
Горе доле, мамо, ти ти
Кавал свир мамо, горе доле
Горе доле, мамо, у селото.
Я ще ида, мамо, да го вида
Да го вида, мамо, да го чуя
Ако ми е нашенчето,
ще го любя ден до пладне.
Ако ми е ябанджийче,
Ще го любя дор до живот.

A kaval flute is playing up and down through the village. If it is a boy from our village playing, I will love him only until lunchtime. If it is a stranger, I will love him forever.

traditional Bulgarian folksong

The Reverend Graeme Napier, Minor Canon of Westminster, leads

THE PRAYERS

Here in Westminster Abbey, founded as a school of the Lord's service according to the Rule of St Benedict, Patron of Europe, let us offer our prayers for all who dwell within our borders, for our peace, security, and well-being.

All kneel or remain seated.

The Very Reverend Dr John Arnold OBE, citizen of the United Kingdom:

Giving thanks for the vision, courage, and example of Robert Schuman, let us pray for the European Union: for all its citizens; for those who hold positions of responsibility; for continued growth in mutual understanding, cooperation, and trust between its member states; and for the health of our relations with nations throughout the world.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Reverend Maria Onuigbo, citizen of Finland:

Let us pray for the President and Members of the European Parliament, and for all European citizens responsible for their election: that MEPs may represent their people with diligence and faithfulness. Let us pray too, at this time, for those recently elected to the Parliament of this United Kingdom, and for their service to this nation.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Reverend Peter Boyland, citizen of Ireland:

Let us pray for those who make and administer the law, and for all who uphold justice within our borders: for the European Commission, and the Council of the European Union; for the Court of Justice of the European Communities, and The European Court of Human Rights. That your ways may be known among us, and your saving health among the nations;

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Reverend Annie Chapon, citizen of France:

Let us pray for those who are homeless or displaced, for refugees and asylum-seekers, and for those who seek their welfare; that our communities might be places of welcome and support, where those in need can find help, and where the dispossessed can rebuild their lives in confidence and trust.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Reverend Göran Capron Lundqvist, citizen of Sweden:

Let us pray for all people of faith, for the leaders of the Christian churches in Europe and also for the leaders of other faiths: that the spiritual needs of our people may be met, and that righteousness, peace, and godly love might prevail among us. Let us pray for the Conference of European Churches, and for the Ecumenical Kirchentag in Munich this week.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Minor Canon continues:

As we join our prayers with those of the Church universal, we say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour Christ has taught us:

Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích...

Tève Mūsū, kuris esi danguje...

Eise Papp am Himmel...

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.

All remain seated. Sara González-Saavedra, mezzo-soprano, citizen of Spain, sings:

If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again; who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

*from Messiah
Georg Frideric Handel (1685–1759)*

Romans 8: 31b, 33–34

All stand for

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

*led by Pascal Grégoire, First Secretary, Embassy of Belgium,
representing the Ambassador of Belgium*

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of peace and to the strengthening of the bonds of friendship and goodwill that unite the member states of this European Union.

All say:

**Lord God our Father,
we affirm our commitment to the European Union
as a force for good in your world.
Guide us, we pray, by your Spirit;
give us wisdom, courage, and hope,
that we may serve you in the cause of justice and friendship,
and remain united in your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All sing, in French, English, or German,

THE HYMN



A toi la gloire, Ô Ressuscité!
A toi la victoire pour l'éternité!
Brillant de lumière l'ange est descendu,
Il roule la Pierre du tombeau vaincu.
A toi la gloire, Ô Ressuscité!
A toi la victoire pour l'éternité!

Vois-le paraître; c'est lui, c'est Jésus,
ton Sauveur, ton Maître; Oh! ne doute plus.
Sois dans l'allégresse, peuple du Seigneur,
et redis sans cesse que Christ est vainquer!

Craindrais-je encore? Il vit à jamais,
celui que j'adore, le prince de paix;
Il est ma victoire, mon puissant soutien,
ma vie et ma gloire; non, je ne crains rien!

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Held, der dem Grabe, Siegekrönt enstieg.
Dein ist Macht und Ehre, Ewig dein der Sieg.
Wir auch sollen leben mit dem Herrn zugleich,
er will uns erheben in sein himmlisch Reich.
Held, der dem Grabe, Siegekrönt enstieg.
Dein ist Macht und Ehre, Ewig dein der Sieg.

Auf unser Flehen gibt er und vergibt.
Jeder kann es sehen, das ser lebt und liebt.
Volk des Herrn, O freue deines Königs dich!
seine Huld und Treue währet ewiglich.

Was kann uns scheiden von der Liebe sein?
Trübsal oder Leiden, irgend eine Pein?
Wovor soll mir grauen? Als ein Kind des Lichts
darf ich ihm vertrauen: Nein, ich fürchte nichts.

Maccabaeus 120 NEH
Georg Frideric Handel

A toi la gloire, Ô Ressuscité! *Edmond Louis Budry (1854–1932)*
translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875–1939)
übersetzt von Johanna Meyer

All remain standing. 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 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 amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A Fanfare is sounded. The flag of the European Union is returned to its bearer and escort party.

All remain standing for

THE ANTHEM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

‘Ode to Joy’ *from* Symphony no 9 in D minor *Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)*

The Organ Scholar plays:

Praeludium in G BWV 568

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The flag of the European Union is borne from the church.

The Procession of Collegiate and visiting Clergy moves to the west end of the church.

All remain standing until the procession of Ambassadors and Representatives of the member states of the European Union moves to the west end of the church.

Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places until directed to move by the Stewards.