

All stand as the procession enters the Cathedral. The procession is led by the Dean of the Cathedral, Canon Anthony O'Brien, (Principal Celebrant). Also taking part in the Service are Canon Pete Wilcox (Dean of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral), Rev Phil Jump, NW Baptist Regional Minister, and Mgr Peter Cookson (former Dean of the Cathedral).

ENTRANCE HYMN

All stand and join in singing

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

- 3 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

All sit.

THE WELCOME

Canon Anthony O'Brien, Dean of the Cathedral

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

During the lighting of candles in memory of a loved one or for your own special intention, Dave Flynn will play guitar and Danielle Flynn will sing 'In this Life' and 'Dance with My Father'.

The Master of Ceremonies will take a light from the Paschal Candle and light a taper held by Sonia Holdsworth (Macmillan Cancer Support), who will then light the tapers of volunteers standing in front of the altar.

Please follow the instructions of the stewards as you take your candle up the nearest aisle to be lit by one of the volunteers before you place it on the tables next to the altar. Please take care with the lighted candles.

The candles will stay lighted throughout the service.

PRAYER OVER THE CANDLES

Mgr Peter Cookson will read his own composition

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 4:8-10, 16-18

Read by Alastair Machray, Editor, Liverpool Echo, Editor-in-Chief, Trinity Mirror North West

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

HOMILY Canon Anthony O'Brien, Dean of the Cathedral

CHOIR

The Cathedral Girls' Choir sings 'A Gaelic Blessing'

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.

John Rutter (b1945)

BIDDING PRAYERS

Maureen Walsh, Presenter, BBC Radio Merseyside

Dear Father

Let us pray for the children, their parents and families affected by cancer.

We think of children in hospital for diagnosis, tests and treatment

We think of children who visit the clinics for treatment and assessment

We think of children who have finished treatment and are still ill

We think of children who have finished treatment and are well

We pray for the brothers and sisters of children with cancer

We pray for the parents, relatives and carers of children with cancer

We pray for all the doctors, nurses and other professionals who look after children with cancer.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

Dear Father

We bring before you today those who have lost relatives and friends as a result of cancer especially those who have lost their only relative or friend.

Give strength to those who work with the dying and bereaved and be with those who remain. May they find comfort in your love, which constantly surrounds them.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

The Choir of St Jerome's Primary School, Formby, will sing

Oh my God, you know me *(Based on Psalm 136)*

All sit or kneel.

PRAYER

Dean Pete Wilcox, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

All sit.

BIDDING PRAYERS

Helen Jones, Religious Affairs Producer, BBC Radio Merseyside

Dear Father

Be with all those whose lives have been touched by cancer and who need strength to face each new day with hope and courage. Their hope is for recovery and many times this is granted but sometimes this is not to be and they have to accept whatever the future brings. Please hold them all in your hands, Lord, ease their fear and bring them your healing and wholeness.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

Dear Father

Whose Son Jesus Christ loved to bring health and healing, may your Holy Spirit help all those who follow in his footsteps of caring love.

Today we give thanks for the work of our nurses and all who care for those with cancer. We pray that you will always give them the necessary strength and compassion to do their work with love and patience.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

The Cathedral Girls' Choir sings

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all...

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all...

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of the earth and bud of heav'n: Lord of all...

John Rutter

POEM

Read by Pauline Carew, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

Lord, we cannot measure how you heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warm,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn

The pain that will not go away,
The guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds,
Are present as if meant to last.
But present, too, is love which tends
The hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside,
The memories that haunt the mind.

*We cannot measure how you heal
(Iona Community)*

BIDDING PRAYERS

Sue Owen, Managing Editor, BBC Radio Merseyside

Dear Father

We bring before you today those who devote their lives to research into the causes of cancer trying to find a cure.

Help them to do their work successfully and to share their knowledge to the benefit of all who wish to see the ravages of this terrible disease ended. Be with them at all times to guide and strengthen them in their constant search for the knowledge that will finally see an end to the suffering and heartache caused by cancer.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

Dear Father

We pray for all those in local and national government and for those who hold positions of authority in providing health care. As they allocate resources and plan services please grant them the wisdom, strength and compassion to ensure that everyone with cancer has access without delay to the best treatment and care.

May they not forget the needs of families and carers and the importance of funding research to find a cure. Bless them Lord in their work and sustain them in the responsibilities they bear.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

The Choir of St Jerome's Primary School sings

I could sing of your love forever

REFLECTION *Eithne Brown*

HYMN

All stand and join in singing

- 1 **Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here:
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

- 2 **Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

- 3 **Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace,
No work too hard for Him. In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

David J Evans

All kneel or sit.

PRAYER

Rev Phil Jump, NW Baptist Regional Minister

All sit.

CHOIR

The Cathedral Girls' Choir sings

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

John Rutter

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE READING OF THE MEMENTO

Led by Roger Phillips, BBC Radio Merseyside

**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**

**Cancer is so limited...
It cannot cripple love
It cannot shatter hope
It cannot corrode faith
It cannot eat away peace
It cannot destroy confidence
It cannot kill friendship
It cannot shut out memories
It cannot silence courage
It cannot invade the soul
It cannot reduce eternal life
It cannot quench the Spirit
It cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

All remain standing.

CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

The Dean, Canon Anthony O'Brien

FINAL HYMN

During the hymn a collection will be taken to defray expenses.

All join in singing

- 1 **O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

- 2 **When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul...**

- 3 **And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul...**

- 4 **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul...**

*As the procession leaves the Cathedral the organist will play Choral in E by Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)*

Please pray for the work of

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Macmillan Cancer Support
The Lily Centre
Marie Curie Cancer Care
The Linda McCartney Centre
Queenscourt Hospice
The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation
Lyndale Support Centre
Sunflowers
St John's Hospice
Woodlands Hospice
and all other local cancer charities
St Jerome's Primary School
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