

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### THE BIDDING

*given by*

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**W**E come to this Church today from different countries or backgrounds, carrying with us our different experiences, in order to unite in our dedication and remember before God all who have been killed, maimed, abused or marginalised through acts of genocide - past and present.

Mindful of the theme for HMD 2004, *From Holocaust to Rwanda: Lessons Learned, Lessons Still to Learn*, we pray especially for all those communities who have lost members of their own families through the inhumane pursuit of inhuman practices, those whose collective or individual memories and psyches have been stained by acts of genocide and hatred. We remember and pray for the well-being of the families, friends and colleagues of all those who died during the Armenian Genocide, the Jewish Holocaust, in Cambodia, Timor, Chile, Rwanda, as well as those today who are still suffering the genocidal wrath of their fellow human beings.

We offer our thanks to all individuals and organisations who work tirelessly to prevent or estop all crimes against humanity and all genocides in our global village, as they strive to celebrate life over death and usher into our broken world the peace, freedom, dignity and justice that we all deserve as co-equal neighbours.

We bring before God in penitence the hatreds of our world, the deep divisions of our bruised humanity, the trenchant certainties of our egos and ideologies. We ask for a new understanding, a new resolve and a new obedience to the law of love. We pray for harmony so that all peoples can live side-by-side without peril or dread or persecution, in fundamental freedom, and without the challenge of racism or xenophobia.

As Armenians, a people who suffered the genocidal atrocities of a rampant Ottoman Turkish regime, and whose painful but slow quest to rectify the travesty of their genocide continues undiminished, we understand the agony, loss, bereavement, rancour and anger of all victims of all other holocausts. As Armenians too, we join today all others in our collective primal scream against such bloodthirsty affronts to all of God's children and replicate the collective gene of our common humanity as we face also the negation of our history.

And so we come to St Sarkis Church from many places, from different faith traditions or cultures, to unite with humility and to remember in prayer before God and before one another all those who perished in genocides past as much as those who still bear the livid marks of their own life-marking experiences.

From the Holocaust to Rwanda, we have indeed learnt some lessons. But there are many more still to learn!

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

**O**UR 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.

## **HYMN**

“Requiem Aeternam”, Armenian Traditional

*sung by*

DEACON ARARAT TERTERYAN

## **FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 10:1-4

*read by*

MR RAFFI SARKISSIAN, VICE CHAIR, CRAG

Woe to those who enact unjust laws and who write oppressive decrees,  
Depriving the needy of judgment and robbing my people's poor of their  
rights, making widows their plunder, and orphans their prey!  
What will you do on the day of punishment, when ruin comes from afar?  
To whom will you flee for help?  
Where will you leave your wealth,  
Lest it sink beneath the captive or fall beneath the slain?  
For all this, his wrath is not turned back, his hand is still outstretched!

## **PSALM 2:2**

*sung by*

DEACON ARARAT TERTERYAN

## **SECOND LESSON**

I Corinthians 15:12-19

*read by*

JACQUELINE AND CYNTHIA NYIRATUNGA, RWANDAN GENOCIDE SURVIVORS

Now if this is what we proclaim, that Christ was raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection, then Christ was not raised; and if Christ was not raised, then our gospel is null and void, and so too is your faith; and we turn out to have given false evidence about God, because we bore witness that he raised Christ to life, whereas, if the dead are not raised, he did not raise him. For if the dead are not raised, it follows that Christ was not raised; and if Christ was not raised, your faith has nothing to it and you are still in your old state of sin.

It follows also that those who have died within Christ's fellowship are utterly lost. If it is for this life only that Christ has given us hope, we of all people are most to be pitied.

**HYMN**  
**“Mother and Virgin”, Armenian Traditional**  
*sung by*  
SEVAN STEPHAN

**ADDRESSES**  
*given by*

MS PAULA KITCHING, Senior Consultant, Department of Education and Skills and London Jewish Cultural Centre

ORGAN INTERMISSION BY ARTHUR BOBIKIAN  
Komitas, “Sanctus”

DR DONALD BLOXHAM, Senior Lecturer, Department of History, Edinburgh University

ORGAN INTERMISSION BY ARTHUR BOBIKIAN  
A. Bobikian, “Meditation”

MR CHRISTOPHER WALKER, Author of ‘Armenia: Survival of a Nation.’

ORGAN INTERMISSION BY ARTHUR BOBIKIAN  
“Kyrie Eleison”, Armenian traditional Hymn

**INVITATION FOR CANDLE LIGHTING**  
BY DR HARRY HAGOPIAN

The living light of hope that shines within us all is also reflected in the constant flicker of that candlelight we hold in our own hands during our Memorial Service this evening.

In the name of all those countless Armenians, Jews, Cambodians, Timorese, Chileans, Rwandans and other peoples who have survived the death knells of genocides, we beseech the Almighty to strengthen the light of hope in us and to inspire us all toward harmony and fellowship and away from dissonance and fratricide.

We ask all this in the name of Our One Lord, Amen.

**HYMN**  
**Bach-Gounod, “Ave Maria”**  
*sung by*  
SEVAN STEPHAN

**PSALM 13** (*in Hebrew and English*)  
*read by*  
PROF RABBI JONATHAN MAGONET, PRINCIPAL, LEO BAECK COLLEGE

<sup>1</sup> How long, lord, will you leave me forgotten,  
how long hide your face from me ?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,  
grief in my heart day after day?  
How long will my enemy lord it over me?

<sup>3</sup> Look now, lord my God, and answer me.  
Give light to my eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, 'I have overthrown him,'  
and my adversaries rejoice at my downfall.

<sup>5</sup> As for me, I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart will rejoice when I am brought to safety.

<sup>6</sup> I shall sing to the lord, for he has granted all my desire.

**HYMN**  
Komitas, “Kyrie Eleison”  
*sung by*  
SEVAN STEPHAN

**PRAYERS**  
*led by*  
MRS MAGGIE CHERCHIAN-GAMBLE AND DN AZIZ M A NOUR

**L**ET us pray with hope for the future of the world:  
for peace on earth and goodwill among all peoples,  
for an end to injustice, genocides and war,  
and for those charged with building the ways of peace.

**CONGREGATION** - God of mercy, hear our prayer.

**F**OR the healing of memories and psyches,  
for relief where past wrongs, violence and discrimination persist,  
and for all who are await for an end to their pain.

**CONGREGATION** - God of mercy, hear our prayer.

**F**OR the re-affirming of the bonds of human dignity,  
for the resolve of all whose courage and compassion usher relief,  
and for those who, day by day, meet hostility with restraint.

**CONGREGATION** - God of mercy, hear our prayer.

**F**OR goodwill and trust among all  
that we might learn to discern more deeply our shared humanity,  
and for the dawning of a world that finds harmony with itself.

**CONGREGATION** - God of mercy, hear our prayer.

#### **HYMN**

Khoren Meykhenejian, “Kyrie Eleison”  
*sung by*

**DEACON ARARAT TERTERYAN**

#### **THE BIDDING**

*led by*

REVD FR SHNORK BAGHDASSARIAN  
*Pastor of St Sarkis Armenian Church*

Again in peace let us beseech the Lord.  
For the souls of those who art at rest, let us beseech Christ our Saviour, that  
he may reckon them with just and may save us by the grace of his mercy.  
Almighty Lord our God, save us and have mercy.

## **PRAYER**

*led by*

**HIS GRACE BISHOP NATHAN HOVHANNISIAN**

**PRIMATE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF GREAT BRITAIN AND**

**PONTIFICAL LEGATE TO THE SEE OF CANTERBURY**

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have compassion, in thy love as our creator, upon the souls of thy servants who are at rest, especially upon the souls of 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 and all victims of all other genocides, massacres and mass murders of all nations of the world. Be mindful of them in the great day of the coming of thy kingdom. Make them worthy of mercy, of expiation and forgiveness of sins. Glorify them and reckon them with the company of thy saints at the right hand. For thou art Lord and creator of all, judge of the living and of the dead. And to thee is befitting glory, dominion and honour, now and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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 BISHOP gives

## **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 everyone. 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 upon you now and always. **Amen.**