



Harald V
1937–2026

Service of mourning
Oslo Cathedral, 30 August 2026

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Oslo Cathedral Youth Choir

Oslo Cathedral Choir

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I *Gathering*

Introit

Knut Nystedt (1915–2014): *Peace I leave with you*

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you;
not as the world giveth,
give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27

Prelude and procession

The congregation stands.

NoS 666 *Å leva, det er å elska* (“To live is to love”)

T Andreas Vassbotn 1892. M Per Steenberg 1923

Opening words and announcement

LITURGIST In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Prayer of gathering

LITURGIST Merciful God, our hope and our refuge,
we pray:

Comfort us in our grief and in the loss of our beloved king. Strengthen us
in our faith, so that we in life and in death may place our hope in you.
Come near and grant us your grace and peace, so that we may find
comfort and hope, and receive strength to serve you and one another,
today and always.

ALL Amen.

Kyrie

M Trond H. F. Kverno

ALL

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Gud Fa - der, mis - kun - ne deg.

Kris - te e - le - i - son. Her - re Krist, mis - kun - ne deg.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Hel - lig Ånd mis - kun - ne deg.

Kyrie eleison. God the Father, have mercy on us.

Christe eleison. Lord Christ, have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison. Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

2 The Word

First reading

Eccl. 3 There is a time for everything,
I, 2, 4, 6, and a season for every activity
II, 14 under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to search and a time to give up.
He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the human heart.
I know that everything God does will endure forever;
nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it.

Biblical psalm

Dominus pastor meus. M John Goss (1800–1880)

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second reading

Romans 14 None of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves
7–9 alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason,
Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both
the dead and the living.

Gospel procession

The congregation stands and remains standing until the sermon begins.

No 952 T Psalm 145:13. M Egil Hovland 1968, 1988



Ditt ri - ke står gjen-nom al - le ti - der, ditt her-re - vel - de
gjen-nom al - le slek - ter. Hal-le - lu - ja, hal-le - lu - ja.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Gospel reading

John 14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
1-7 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

LITURGIST This is the holy Gospel.

ALL Praise be to God.

Hymn

NoS 494 *Jeg er i Herrens bender* (“I am in the Lord’s hands”)
T Erling Tobiassen 1932. M Sigurd Lunde 1947

Sermon

Motet

T John 14:1-7 (see above). M Marcus André Berg 2026 (premiere)

Credo

LITURGIST Let us confess our holy faith.

The congregation stands.

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The congregation is seated.

3 Lighting of candles

CANDLE Norway has lost its King. A family has lost a beloved one.
LIGHTERS Many of us are touched by grief.

We light a candle for the Royal Family, His Majesty King Haakon VIII,
and Her Majesty Queen Mette-Marit.

Throughout his life, King Harald was a unifying force for the nation
and its people, and he listened to the voices of the young.

We light a candle for children and young people, for hope
and confidence in the future.

Through his service, the King recognized the diversity of Norway
and opened the community to all.

We light a candle for unity amid our differences and for
mutual respect in our encounters with one another.

Through the royal couple's travels, they met us where we lived
and showed an interest in culture and everyday lives.

We light a candle for the people of Norway and for our fellow citizens
abroad and at sea.

At King Harald's death, many of us feel deep gratitude for all that he gave
through his service to his people.

We light a candle for comfort in our grief and for strength
for the days ahead.

4 Intercessions

The Royal Anthem

The congregation stands during the Royal Anthem.

NoS 753 *Gud, sign vår konge god.* T English, c. 1743, after *O Deus optime* (1688) / Norwegian version: N. Fogtmann c. 1820 / Gustav Jensen 1915.
M *Thesaurus musicus*, London 1744



Gud, sign vår kon - ge god! Sign ham med kraft og mot,
sign hjem og slott! Lys for ham ved din Ånd, knytt med din
ster-ke hånd hel - li - ge tro-skaps-bånd om folk og drott!

*God bless our good king! Bless him with strength and courage,
bless home and castle! Guide him with your Spirit,
forge with your strong hand holy bonds of allegiance around people and king!*

Intercessions

*After each prayer, the congregation sings one verse at a time of the hymn
"Noen må våke i verdens natt" ("Who keeps the watch in creation's night").
T Svein Ellingsen 1975 / English translation: Hedvig T. Durnbaugh 1985,
1990. M Trond H. F. Kverno 1975 (NoS 738, Hymns in English 83)*

LITURGIST Almighty God, our Creator and the source of all love,
we come before you in thanksgiving for the life and service
of King Harald, and for all that he has meant
to our country and our people.

We pray for wisdom and strength for the Royal Family,
for His Majesty King Haakon VIII and Her Majesty Queen Mette-Marit,
and Queen Sonja.

Be near to them with your peace in the days to come
and in the tasks that lie before them.

You have created us for fellowship.

Help us to care for one another.

We pray for all who mourn and for those
who are passing through difficult days.

You have shown us the way of love.

Help us to show compassion.

Give us hope and courage to live. God, we pray.

ALL I Who keeps the watch in creation's night?
Who keeps the faith in our darkness?
Who knows the weakest brother's worth?
God, let your will be done on earth!
Help us to follow your word!

LITURGIST Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Reconciler,
you met all people with mercy and grace.
Bring comfort to all who mourn.
We give you thanks for diversity and for all that enables us
to know belonging and freedom.
Help us to show respect for one another.

We pray for wisdom and strength for our Government,
our Parliament, our municipal councils
and all who bear responsibility for leadership in our country.
You have entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation;
help us to work for justice and peace.

Give us hope and courage to live. God, we pray.

ALL 2 Who shares a sister's distress and need?
Who will show patience and kindness?
Who will stand up for another's right?
God, let your kingdom come with might!
Help us to follow your word!

LITURGIST Holy Spirit, our comforter in life and in death, be near us!
Come with your blessing upon people and nations,
upon our families and the many communities to which we belong.
We give you thanks for the beauty of your creation, help us to care for it.
We give you thanks for music, art, poetry, and all that lifts our souls.
Your love is stronger than death.

Give us hope and courage to live. God, we pray.

ALL 3 Lord, you keep watch in creation's night,
Lord, you are near in our darkness.
Lord, you will show us Christ's day and power!
Even in life's most fearful hour
are we with you, Lord, our God!
Amen, amen.

5 *Holy Communion*

Offertory hymn

NoS 471 *Nærmere deg, min Gud* ("Nearer, my God, to thee"). T Sarah Adams 1840 /
Norwegian version: Gustav Jensen 1915. M Lowell Mason 1856

Greeting – Preface dialogue

The congregation stands.

LITURGIST Herren være med dere.



LITURGIST Løft deres hjerter.



LITURGIST La oss takke Herren vår Gud.



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is worthy and right to give thanks

Introductory thanksgiving

LITURGIST We praise you, eternal God, who created the world and everything in it. In you we live and move and have our being. Together with your Church in heaven and on earth, we sing the praise of your holy name:

Sanctus

M Steinau (Ścinawa) an der Oder 1726

ALL

Hel - lig, hel - lig, hel - lig er Her-ren Se -
- ba - ot, all jor - den er full av din her - lig -
het. Ho - si - an - na i det høy - es - te.
Vel - sig - net væ - re han som kom - mer i Her -
- rens navn. Ho - si - an - na i det høy - es - te.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Sebaot.

All the earth is full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

LITURGIST We thank you, source of all goodness. You sent your Son. He was crucified and rose from the dead. He unlocked the scriptures and revealed himself to his friends when he broke bread and gave it to them.

May your Holy Spirit come down upon this bread and wine, so that our eyes may be opened, and we might know him again as our crucified and risen saviour.

Verba

LITURGIST In the same night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave you thanks; 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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The mystery of faith

LITURGIST Great is the mystery of faith.

ALL Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Glory and praise to Christ for the love which is stronger than death.

Prayer

LITURGIST Holy God, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Give us burning hearts, so that we in wonder and joy may be true to your word and show mercy to those who suffer. Be with us, also in our doubts and sorrows. Walk with us, until loss and grief have given way to your eternal gladness.

The Lord's prayer

ALL Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

M Trond H. F. Kverno

ALL

Du Guds Lam, som bæ - rer ver - dens syn - der,
mis-kun - ne deg o - ver oss. Du Guds Lam, som
bæ - rer ver - dens syn - der, gi oss din fred.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.*

Greetings of peace – Pax

The congregation greets one another with a sign of peace.

Distribution of Communion

*The Lord's table is open to all who wish to take part.
There are four stations in the church:
at the front, by the entrance, and in the side aisles.
You come forward, receive the bread and dip it into the wine.
Those who wish may light candles in the candle globes during Communion.*

Music during Communion

Edvard Grieg (1843–1907): “Hvad est du dog skjønn” (How beautiful you are) from *Four psalms after old Norwegian church melodies* op. 74

How thou art beautiful, how beautiful,
how beautiful, thou most blessed Son of God.
Thou art my all, yes mine, yes mine,
yes mine; all that I possess is thine.

My friend, thou art mine, yes mine,
yes mine; so let me ever be thine.
In truth and always verily, verily,
verily, thou shalt bide here and everywhere.

But behold, I am here, yes here,
yes here, amid these many drawn blades.
Then come, dove, come, dove! Come,
yes come, in the hollow of the rock
peace and shelter shall be found.

Hans Adolph Brorson, transl. Andrew Smith

Communion hymn

NoS 158 Jesus, din søte forening å smake (“Jesus, to taste your sweet Communion”).
T J. L. C. Allendorf 1712 / Norwegian version: Peder J. Hygom 1740
(later form). M Norwegian folk melody (Ryfylke)

Words of assurance

LITURGIST The crucified and risen Jesus Christ has given us his holy body and blood
which he gave as atonement for all our sins. May he strengthen us and
uphold us in true faith to eternal life. Peace be with you.

Prayer of thanksgiving

LITURGIST Let us give thanks and pray. Merciful God, thank you for seeing our
lights and hearing our prayers, those for which we have found words and
those we carry in the depths of our hearts. We thank you, heavenly Father,
for your blessed gifts.

We pray that, with these gifts, you will preserve our faith in you,
unite us in your love and confirm us in the hope of eternal life,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

ALL Amen.

6 *Sending*

Closing hymn

The congregation stands and remains standing for the rest of the service.

NoS 482 *Deg å få skode er sæla å nå* (“Be thou my vision”). T Irish, 8th century / Mary Byrne 1905 / Eleanor Hull 1912 / Norwegian version: Arve Brunvoll, 1978. M Irish folk melody

The blessing

LITURGIST Receive the blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

ALL Amen.

A bell is rung nine times, in sets of three.

The dismissal

LITURGIST Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Postlude and recessional procession

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750): Fugue from *Tocatta and fugue in D minor* BWV 538 («Dorian»)

Announcements

Thank you for your participation.

Oslo Cathedral will remain closed until the funeral.

Paulus Church will be open daily from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

with a book of condolences available for signing until the funeral.



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