

LAMBETH PALACE

**A Meeting of
Anglican and Roman Catholic Diocesan Bishops
of England, Scotland and Wales
on the occasion of
the Fraternal Visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI
to His Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury**



Great Hall, Archbishop's Library

Lambeth Palace

17 September 2010

Please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off.

At 1545 the Papal Entourage arrives at the Fig Tree Entrance to the Great Hall of the Archbishop's Library, and is received by His Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury.

All remain seated as they take their places in the Hall.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI arrives at Lambeth Palace, and is received by The Archbishop in the main Courtyard.

The Archbishop escorts The Pope through the Fig Tree Entrance, and presents the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Winchester, the Bishop of Guildford, the Primus of Scotland, and the Archbishop of Wales, who then take their places in the Great Hall.

The Archbishop escorts The Pope to his place in the Great Hall. All stand.

WELCOME AND PRAYER

All remain standing. The Archbishop says:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, merciful and loving, source of life, communion and peace: now and for ever and world without end. **Amen.**

The Archbishop welcomes Pope Benedict to Lambeth Palace:

Your Holiness, brother bishops, brothers and sisters in Christ: you are most warmly welcome here at Lambeth Palace which has for nearly eight centuries been home to the Archbishops of Canterbury.

Your Holiness, as we meet, we recall with profound gratitude the landmark meetings between our predecessors: fifty years ago in 1960, the meeting between Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher and Pope John XXIII; and in 1966, between Archbishop Michael Ramsey and Pope Paul VI.

With particular joy we recall the 1982 meeting in Canterbury, between Archbishop Robert Runcie and your great predecessor of blessed memory Pope John Paul II, and his opening the Holy Door in Rome, with Archbishop George Carey, to inaugurate the Great Jubilee of 2000. And we give thanks to almighty God for Pope John Paul's commitment, throughout his ministry as Bishop of Rome, to "praying and working for reconciliation and ecclesial unity according to the mind and heart of our Saviour Jesus Christ". [*Homily, Canterbury Cathedral, 29 May 1982*]

Now you are here, for another historic meeting: and you are most welcome.

Dear friends, let us pray to the Lord, and ask his blessing.

Almighty God, who built your Church
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

ADDRESSES AND EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

The Archbishop and The Pope address the Assembly.

ADDRESS OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

ADDRESS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

The Archbishop and The Pope exchange Gifts.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

All stand.

The Pope says:

The God of peace, the teacher of unity and concord, who in his person bore all humanity, wishes each of his disciples to pray for all others. Obedient to his word, we dare say:

**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.**

The Pope says:

Lord, pour out upon us
the spirit of understanding, truth and peace.
Help us to strive with all our hearts
to know what is pleasing to you;
and when we know your will
make us determined to do it.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Archbishop escorts The Pope from the Great Hall, across the Courtyard and into the Palace for their Private Meeting.

Please leave the Hall as directed by the Stewards.

*Guests seated in the main body of the Hall
depart through the south doors to coaches outside the Palace Gate House
to transfer to Westminster Abbey.*

*Guests seated near the dais
depart through the Fig Tree Entrance to their cars in the main Courtyard
to transfer to the Great Hall of the Palace of Westminster.*

Cover: specially commissioned icon of Jesus Christ with Pope St Gregory the Great and St Augustine of Canterbury (tempera on a gold ground and gesso on wood, painted by Sergei Fedorov) given to Pope Benedict XVI by Archbishop Rowan Williams during the Archbishop's official visit to the Holy See, November 2006.