

Service of thanksgiving: Dame Joan Sutherland

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The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Prince of Wales at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dame Joan Sutherland, OM, held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in Westminster Abbey.

The Very Rev Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, officiated, gave the bidding and pronounced the blessing. The Rev Jamie Hawkey, minor canon of Westminster, led the prayers, assisted by the High Commissioner for Australia, Ms Elaine Padmore, director of opera, the Royal Opera, Ms Heather de Haes, international director, Australia Music Foundation, Ms Isla Baring, chair, Tait Memorial Trust, Ms Ruth Sutherland and the Rev Robert Reiss, canon in residence.

Dame Norma Major and Mr Richard Bonyngé, widower, read the lessons. Sir John Tooley gave the address.

During the service two recordings of Dame Joan Sutherland were played and Miss Valda Wilson, soprano, and the orchestra of the Royal Opera House, conducted by Antonio Pappano, performed Fauré's *Pie Jesu Domine* and *Alleluia* by Mozart. The Westminster Abbey Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, organist and master of the choristers, also performed and Mr Robert Quinney played the organ.

The Speaker of the House of Commons was represented by Mr Nigel Evans, MP. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Ambassador Miguel Solano and Mrs Solano Lopez and representatives of the New Zealand, Canadian, Singapore, Indian and South African high commissions, Brazilian Embassy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Commonwealth Secretariat attended.

Among those present were: Mr Bruce Sutherland, Dr Colin Sutherland, Mr Vanya Bonyngé, Ms Catherine West, Mr Galileo West, Ms Nina West, Mr Aedan Sutherland Millais, Ms Louise Millais, Ms Bara Sigurdardottir with other members of the family.

Also present were: the Earl and Countess of Chichester, the Earl and Countess of Harewood, Lord Carrington (Country Manor Farm), Lord and Lady Goodlad, Lord and Lady Young of Graffham, Lady Alexander of Wheedon, Baroness Blackstone (vice-chancellor, University of Greenwich), Lord and Lady Broers, Lord and Lady Chadlington (Huntsworth plc), Lord and Lady Fellowes, Lord Hall, Lady Lever of Manchester, Lord and Lady Moser, Sir John Major, Dame Anne Evans, Dame Beryl Grey, Dame Monica Mason (director, the Royal Ballet), Sir Geoffrey Pattie, Dame Sue Street, Dame Felicity Lott, Sir Stanley Burnton, QC, and Lady Burnton, Sir Vernon and Lady Ellis, Lady Gosling, Sir David and Lady Green, Sir Jeremy Isaacs, Lady Lamport, Sir Humphrey and

Lady Maud, Lady Nolan, Lady Solti.

Ms Lesley Garrett, Mrs Derek Nimmo, Mr Christiaan de Haes, Ms Yvonne Kenny, Mr John Mordler, Ms Cristina Franchi, His Honour Judge Callman and Mrs Callman, Miss Elizabeth Major, Ms Joy Mammen, Dr and Mrs Roy Shuttleworth, Mr Michael Stennett, Mr and Mrs Christopher Geidt, Mr Piers Lane, Mr Michael Letchford, Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC, Ms Kathy Lette, Mr Warwick Thompson, Ms Anna Williams, Mrs Peggy Haim, Ms Sylvia Holford, Mrs Ruth Jaeger, Mr Eric Jubb, Ms Francesca Franchi, Miss Veronica Dunne, Ms June Mendoza, Mr and Mrs Guy Parsons, Mr John Copley, Mr Norman Ayrton, Ms Nella Marcus, Mr and Mrs Roderick Lakin, Mr and Mrs Justin Baring, Mr Howard Blake, Mrs Monika Geesing-Saunders, the Rev Raymond Ramsden, Mr and Mrs Keith Grant, Mr Richard Gregson, Mr Peter Katona, Ms Yvonne Minton, Mr William Barclay, Mr John Amis, Mr Bruce Wilson, Ms Helen Johnstone, Ms Romaine Grigorova, Mr Edward Greenford, Ms Carol Ripley, the Rev Dr Gregory Seach, Mr Richard Glynn, Mr Courtney Kenny, Ms Lygia O'Riordan, Professor and Mrs Anthony Mellows, Mrs Margaret Mountford, Mr Soli Mehta, Mr and Mrs Keith Orrell-Jones, Mr and Mrs Jean Peters, Dr and Mrs John West, Mr and Mrs Daniel Wyler, Mr William Lyne, the Rev Dr Nicholas Cranfield, Mr Edward Ballard, Mrs Matthew Arnoldi, Mr and Mrs Paddy Linaker, Mr Richard Hetherington, Mr and Mrs Colin Baillieu, Monsieur Jacques Hennessy, Mr and Mrs Simon Jones, Dr and Mrs Jonathan Boreham, Mrs Barbara Davidson, Mr and Mrs John Emmott, Mr Eric Kaufman, Mr and Mrs Enzo Scalzo, Monsieur Bernard Schmid, Ms Kate Sackville-West, Mr and Mrs George Vestey, Miss Melissa Morris, Miss Liz Murray, Dr Michael Glynn, Mr Roland Price, Mr and Mrs James Pritchard, Ms Heather Rabbatts, Mr Kenneth Richardson, Mr Yehuda Shapiro, Ms Anita Singh, Mr Julian Smith, Mr Robin Stapleton, Mr Mark Summerbell, Mr Jeremy Sutcliffe, Dr Elizabeth Vaughan, Mr David Summerscale, Mr Mike Halpin, the Rev Peter Boyland, Mr Jeremy Swan, Mr James Bowen, Mr and Mrs Jamie Boyd, Miss Joan Carlyle, Ms Maev Kennedy, Mrs Patricia Anne Wells.

Mr John Gilhooly (director, Wigmore Hall), Mr David Hill (chief conductor, BBC Singers), Mr Oliver Condy (editor, *BBC Music Magazine*), Mr Keith Clarke (editor, *Classical Music*), Mr John Allison (editor, *Opera*), Ms Kathryn McDowell (managing director, London Symphony Orchestra), Mr Andrew Morgan (head of business affairs, English National Ballet), Mr Paul Moseley (managing director, Decca Music Group), Ms Isabel Murphy (director of artistic administration, Welsh National Opera), Mr Simon Over (music director, Southbank Sinfonia), Mr Ian Page (artistic director, the Classical Opera Company), Mr David Pickard (general director, Glyndebourne Festival), Mr Ian Ritchie (director, City of London Festival), Mr Michael Volpe (general manager, Opera Holland Park), Mr David Whelton (managing director, Philharmonia Orchestra), Mr Barry Wordsworth (music director, the Royal Ballet), Mr Simon Robey (chairman, board of trustees, Royal Opera House), Mr Adrian Collette (chief executive officer, Opera Australia), Ms Marylyn Abbott (West Green House), Mr Dennis Muirhead (president, SA Universities Alumni UK), Dr Peter Tregear (chair, Australian Music Foundation), Professor Ian Hall (Bloomsbury International Society), Mr James Clutton (Opera Holland Park) and Mrs Clutton, with representatives of the Royal College of Music, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, English National Opera, *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Express*, *Time Out*, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Westminster Abbey, National Library, Faber Music, Christie's, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Rochford International, Australian Federal Police, Helen Sykes

Artists' Management, Menzies Centre for Australian Studies, Garsington Opera, Britain Australia Society, Australian Business, Victoria Government Office, Queensland House, Western Australia Office, Aubrey Capital Management, Coutts & Co, Royal Academy of Music, BBC, Askonas Holt, together with many more former colleagues, friends from the Royal Opera House and representatives from other organisations having connection with Dame Joan Sutherland.

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