

**A Thanksgiving Service for her late  
Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II**



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, 10am**

**Opening words:**

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38,39*

We meet this day to remember before God our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

O God, make speed to save us.

*All*    **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Hymn: Praise my Lord, the King of heaven**

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;

To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like thee his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour

To our fathers in distress;

Praise him, still the same forever,

Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls: you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness, who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servant, ELIZABETH, that death may be for her the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign, one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn: The day thou givest, Lord has ended**

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

**Bible readings:**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul \*  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Revelation 21.1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'  
Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to

me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn: The Lord is my Shepherd:**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more  
My dwelling place shall be.

### **Intercessions:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All*    **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image to reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, for the love she received from you and showed among us. We rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. We ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord.  
*All Amen.*

**Hymn: O Jesus I have promised, to serve thee to the end**

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel thee near me;  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten, or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servants be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow  
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

**Commendation:**

Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH. Enlighten her with your holy grace and suffer her never to be separated from you, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

May God in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace.

All **Amen.**

**Hymn: O God our help in ages past**

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

**Concluding prayer:**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord  
KING CHARLES and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things  
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the  
good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All*   **Amen.**



**Blessing:**

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

*All*    **Amen.**

**The National Anthem**

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.