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## A SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE MARKING THE DEATH OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

*John 11.25,26*

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*

In the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father, grace, mercy and peace be with you.

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.

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

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of our 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.

**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

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

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## **BIBLE READING** (*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.'

## **A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH**

*(A video tribute from All Souls Church, Langham Place)*

## **AN OBITUARY: ELIZABETH II – A BEACON OF GRACE**

*(written by Mark Greene, Mission Champion at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity)*

## **HYMN**

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.

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

## **POEM: FLORAL TRIBUTE**

*(by Simon Armitage, the Poet Laureate)*

## **'TEARS AND CELEBRATION'**

*(performed by Katherine Jenkins, written by Andy Flannagan & Sam Hargreaves)*

## **PRAYERS**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

The souls of the righteous  
are in the hand of God,  
**And there shall no torment touch them.**

You, Lord, have delivered  
my soul from death,  
**My eyes from tears  
and my feet from falling.**

I will walk before the Lord  
**In the land of the living.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we  
praise you that we are made in  
your image and 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.  
Above all, we rejoice at your gracious  
promise to all your servants, living and  
departed, that we shall rise again at the  
coming of Christ. And 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.  
**Amen.**

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us, with your servant  
QUEEN ELIZABETH and all the faithful  
departed, the sure benefits of  
your Son's saving passion and glorious  
resurrection: that, in the last day, when  
you gather up all things in Christ, we may  
with them enjoy the fullness of your  
promises; 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 forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and  
giver of all comfort: deal  
graciously, we pray, with all who mourn,  
the members of the Royal  
Family, this Nation and all the Nations of  
the Commonwealth, that  
casting all our care on you, we may  
know the consolation of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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.  
**Amen.**

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the  
Commonwealth, and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants,  
life everlasting;  
**Amen**

## HYMN

All my hope on God is founded  
He doth still my trust renew;  
Me through change and chance  
He guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone,  
Calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown, betray His trust;  
What with care and toil He buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust,  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep His wisdom, passing thought;  
Splendour, light and life attend Him  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from His store  
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the Almighty Giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow,  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at His hand;  
Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ, His Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God, the fountain of all  
goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord  
KING CHARLES III, 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.

**Amen.**

## THE 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 you  
and remain with you always.

**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 give us ever cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.



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