



# A SERVICE OF PRAYER & REFLECTION REMEMBERING HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2022  
4:00PM

## THE GATHERING

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.

Today we come together and join with others across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth Nations, as well as friends from other countries, to remember before God, our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II, to give thanks for her long life and dedicated reign; to commend her to God, our merciful redeemer and judge; and to comfort one another in our grief.

## PRAYER

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 forever! 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 forever. **AMEN.**

## HYMN - O God, our help in ages past

(All stand)

*Lyrics by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

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 defense 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.

## 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.

### HYMN: I vow to thee, my country

(All stand)

*Lyrics by Sir Cecil Spring Rice (1859-1918)*

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

### *The Minister Says*

O God, our sovereign and shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever.

### John 14.1-6

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

### HOMILY

The Rev. Nigel Mumford RM (Rtd).

## INTERCESSIONS

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**

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, His Majesty's Armed Forces, the United Kingdom 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**

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Let us gather up all our prayers in the words that Jesus gave 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.

**CLOSING HYMN:** Eternal Father, strong to save  
(All Stand)

Lyrics by William Whiting (1825-1878)

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm do'th bound the restless wave,  
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea

## THE SILENCE

(Congregation to remain standing)

## THE 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.**

## THE MINISTER PRAYS

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; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

## 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.



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