



A Service of Evensong
in Commemoration of
Her Late Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday 18th September 2022

I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.

(Queen Elizabeth II – Christmas message, 2002)

Welcome to All Saints' Parish Church
for a service of Evensong in Commemoration of
Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
held in the presence of the
Town Mayor, Councillor Yvonne Farrell

This service is adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, the book Church of England services and daily prayer published in 1662 and used at most liturgies attended by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Evensong is a service derived from the monastic singing of Vespers and it includes the singing of psalms, canticles, and prayers. It was originally held near sunset so that the faithful would have been encouraged to give thanks to God for another day drawing to its close.

A note about music:

Two sets of prayers (the *Preces and Responses*) will be sung in plainchant, alternating between the Priest and the choir with the congregation. Notation for these is printed in this order of service and the choir will support your singing.

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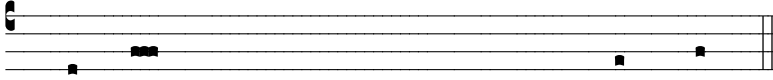
As the service begins, we STAND to sing,

**1. 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 question,
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.**

**2. 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.**

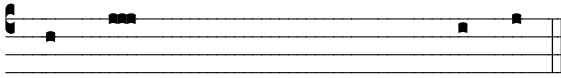
PRECES

O Lord, open thou *our* lips.



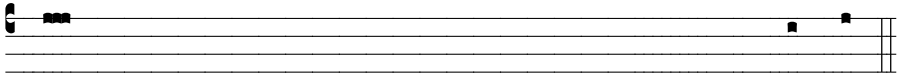
All: And our mouth shall shew forth *thy* praise.

O God, make *speed* to save us.



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

Glory be to Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-*ly* Ghost.



All: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,* world without end. A-men.

Praise *ye* the Lord.



All: The Lord's *Name* be prais-ed.

PSALMODY

We SIT. The choir sings the following psalm,

(Psalm 121)

I lift my eyes to the hills,
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heav'n and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved,
he who keeps you will not slumber,
behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper,
the Lord is your shade on your right hand,
The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil,
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.

At the end of the psalm we STAND for the doxology,

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING AND MAGNIFICAT

We SIT for the first reading,

A reading from the Book of Wisdom,

(Wis 3:1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We STAND to sing a hymn version of the Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Luke 1:46-55),

- 1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**
- 2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**
- 3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**
- 4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING AND NUNC DIMITTIS

We SIT for the second reading,

A reading from the Book of Revelation, (Rev/Apoc 21:1-6))

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We STAND to sing a hymn version of the *Nunc Dimittis* (or the Song of Simeon - Luke 2:29-32),

**1. Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant
his discharge in peace.**

**2. All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.**

**3. This thy great deliverance
sets thy people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.**

**4. Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us thy servants
our discharge in peace.**

APOSTLES' CREED

We REMAIN STANDING and turn towards the High Altar for the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead:
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost:
the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints:
the Forgiveness of sins:
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSES AND COLLECTS

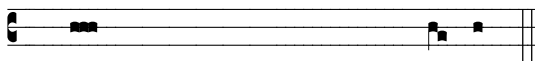
*All **KNEEL** (or remain standing) for the Responses and the Collects.*

The Lord be with you,

All: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy up-*on* us.



All: Christ have mercy up-on us.

Lord, have mercy up-*on* 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;

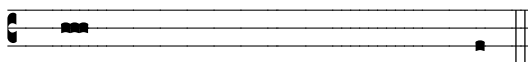
and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

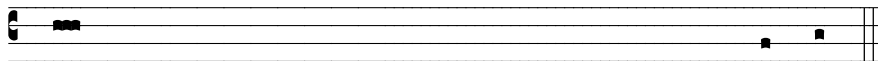
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy up-*on* us.



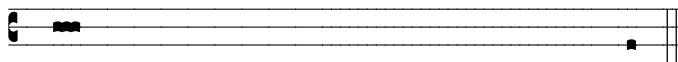
All: And grant us thy sal-va-tion.

O Lord, save *the* King.



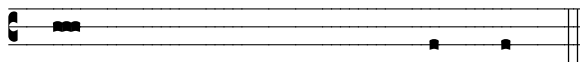
All: And mercifully hear us when we call up-on thee.

Endue thy ministers with right-*eous*-ness.



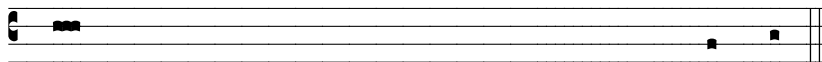
All: And make thy chosen people joy-ful.

O Lord, save thy *peo-ple*.



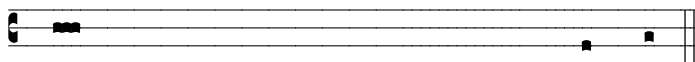
All: And bless thine in-he-ri-tance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.



**All: Because there is none other
that fighteth for us,* but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts with-*in* us.

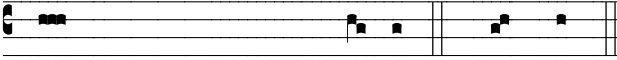


All: And take not thy Holy Spirit *from* us.

We REMAIN KNEELING for the Collects.

COLLECT FOR THE QUEEN'S ETERNAL REST

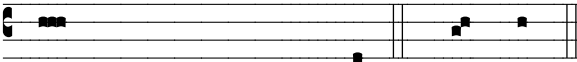
O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind,
grant unto thy servant QUEEN ELIZABETH,
the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection;
that she may be joined to the company of thy saints in heaven,
and in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ,
she may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost ...



one God, now and for *e-ver*. **A-men.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

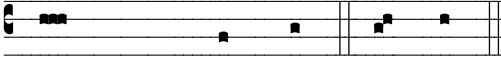
O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of ...



Jesus Christ, our Sav-*iour*. **A-men.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy,
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our ...



Saviour, Je-*sus* Christ. **A-men.**

We SIT for an Address by the Parish Priest.

After this, we STAND for a hymn and to pray for the King.

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

**4. 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.**

**5. 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE KING

FOR THE KING'S MAJESTY

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen Servant CHARLES III, our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory and that we, and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

FOR THE KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY UNDER HIM

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lord, KING CHARLES III, the Parliaments in all his dominions, and all who are set in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our gracious Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, Catherine Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND BLESSING

**1. 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!**

**2. 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!**

The Priest gives the blessing,

The Lord be with you

All: and with thy spirit.

God grant to the living grace;
to the departed rest;
to the Church, The King, the Commonwealth,
and all the human race, peace and concord;
and to us sinners, eternal life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We remain STANDING as the Choir and Clergy leave the chancel.

*Please, join us for refreshments
at the back of church.*

*A Book of Condolences,
located by the pulpit,
is available for your to sign.*

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