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**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE
FOR
HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, MARCH,
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

Team Rector Rev Andrew Smith
Clergy and Ministers of March

Choirs of the March Team Ministry
Organist James Trundle

**St Peter's Church, March.
16th September 2022
4pm**

This service is being recorded and will be
published on the Council's website.

Please stand for the ***Processional Opening Hymn. (Irish)***

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Minister: 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*

Please sit.

Prayers for the Royal Family

Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of love, as we give thanks to you for The Queen,
her service to our nation, and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn, especially Charles our King,
Camilla, Queen Consort and William, Prince of Wales,
that we may all find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King, Charles III.
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.**

Please stand for the Hymn (Scottish from Coronation)

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.**

**O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name.**

**Trust that the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.**

*Please sit for the **Bible Readings***

*Revelation 21.1-7 is read by
Mr Benjamyn Damazer FIMC JP Vice Lord-Lieutenant*

*After each reading; Hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying;
All: Thanks be to God*

Reading: John 6 v35-40

Please stand for the Hymn (Newly composed in tribute)

**We see tears and celebration,
For this life so dignified,
Bearing thanks and hearts of sadness,
To the God of death and life.
As he takes her to his promise,
Of an audience with the King,
We remember all she gave us,
Wreaths of gratitude we bring.**

**In these days of change and trial,
Be the rock on which we stand,
When we fear in this new season,
Hold us firmly in your hands.
May we rise to her example,
To be humble, kind and fair,
Swift to pray and slow to anger,
Choosing faith and not despair.**

**In the midst of coronation,
She once knelt in silent prayer,
Oil was poured in Christ's commission,
Called to lead her people there.
May we know that same anointing,
Move in royal authority,
Then speak liberty and healing,
To a world in need of peace.**

**Lord forgive, when pride and envy,
Leave our nation bruised and stained,
Turn us back towards our calling,
To make your name great again.
May we rise above divisions,
Lord, our brokenness we bring,
That a more united kingdom,**

Would give glory to the King.

**When our days are at their dimming,
And our work on earth is done,
May we hear as does our sovereign,
“Faithful servant, welcome home.”
May we rise with Christ to witness,
A new heav’n and earth displayed,
Ours a robe that will not tarnish,
Hers a crown that will not fade.**

*Please sit for the **Address***

Please stand for the Hymn (English – Remembrance Sunday)

**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.**

*Please sit for our **Prayers***

As we mourn the death of Elizabeth our Queen, let us give thanks to God in faith and trust. For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all whose devotion to him has sustained the life of our Church and nation: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

For all people touched by Queen Elizabeth's devotion to public service: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

For Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and all the Royal Family; for the ministers of the Crown and all who bear the privilege and burden of government: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

For our own lives, giving thanks for all those who have gone before, and asking that we might go forward with confidence and hope:

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your servant

Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:

for her love of family and her gift of friendship;
for her devotion to this nation and the nations of the
Commonwealth;
for her grace, dignity and courtesy;
and for her generosity and love of life.

Loving God, we look to you

All: Receive our thanks.

We praise you for:

the courage that she showed in testing times;
the depth and of her Christian faith;
and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

Loving God, we look to you

All: Receive our praise.

We pray for our Sovereign Lord King Charles III
and all the Royal Family,

that you might reassure them of your continuing love
and lift them from the depths of grief
into the peace and light of your presence.

Loving God, we look to you

All: Receive our prayers.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant
that your goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our
lives, that we may ever trust in your unfailing love; through Jesus
Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Minister: O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

All: And grant us your salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the King;

All: Who puts his trust in you.

Minister: Send him help from your holy place.

All: And evermore mightily defend him.

Minister: Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower;

All: From the face of his enemies.

Minister: Endue your Ministers with righteousness.

All: And make your chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save your people.

All: And bless your inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Minister: O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: And let our cry come unto you.

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.

Nor on this land alone,
But be God's mercies known
from shore to shore:
Lord, make the nations see
that men should brothers be,
and form one family
the wide world o'er.

*Please sit for the **Remembrance***

Minister: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: 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.**

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

Minister: You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

All: My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

Minister: I will walk before the Lord

All: 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn her, Charles our King, Camilla Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, all members of the Royal Family, for 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.**

Please stand for 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.

**All: Give rest, O Christ,
 to thy servant with thy saints,
 where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man: and we are mortal, formed from the dust of earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, 'Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.'

All we go down to the dust; and weeping o'er the grave we make our song: Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

**All: Give rest, O Christ,
 to thy servant with thy saints,
 where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**All: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
 according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in
peace.

Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear, die in your favour, rest
in your peace, rise in your power and reign in your glory; for your
own beloved Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

William laud (1573–1645)

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

Please remain standing for the Hymn (Welsh)

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.**

Please remain standing for the
CONCLUDING PRAYER and BLESSING

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.

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 peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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