

A Service of Holy Communion
during the period of mourning following
**THE DEATH OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN
ELIZABETH II**



Christ Church, Brentor

Sunday 18th September, 2022

Led by the Rev Tony Vigars

The president or another minister says

‘I am the resurrection and the life’, says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

The president says

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.

The president may briefly introduce the service, ending with this prayer:

Almighty God, you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.

In your mercy turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting
into the joy of heaven;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Hymn: 739, Now Thank We All Our God

The president says

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge
of his glory in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God
and not to us.
As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

Silence is kept.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Christ, have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

Let us pray.

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; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the book of Lamentations. (3.22-26, 31-33)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever.

Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 is said or sung.

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;

**He who watches over you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
Neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

[A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. \(4.16-5.4\)](#)

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 127, Lord Jesus Think on Me

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘It is the will of him who sent me’, says the Lord,
‘that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day’.

All Alleluia.

[Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. \(6.35-40\)](#)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn: 489, From Heaven You Came, Helpless Babe

PRAYERS

which may include the following:

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.

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.

We pray for our Sovereign Lord the King 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.

All God of mercy,

entrusting into your hands all that you have made

and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,

we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The president says

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Hymn: 725, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

The table is prepared and the bread and wine taken.

May all who are called to a place at your table follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection; so that, although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal flesh is laid aside an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI may be said or sung.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The president and people receive communion

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:

grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn: 715, Lord for the Years

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



Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:

Lin Bristow, Peter and Carol Cameron, Dave, Becky, Alex and family, Shirley, Lisa, Izzy, Brian, Penny, Ada, also William, Tatiana and Agnia.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, their family and friends, thinking most especially this week of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

- Mon** The funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
- Tues** Following Youth Mental Health Day yesterday, all those struggling
- Wed** On International Day of Peace, thinking of those threatened by war
- Thurs** All those worrying about the energy bills as the weather gets colder
- Fri** Those supporting those in need, thinking especially of the Brentor and Moor Compassionate Neighbours
- Sat** Churches being a place of solace for those in need

Next week:

Wednesday at 7pm: At St Eustachius', Tavistock - Installation of our new Priest in Charge, the Reverend Matt Godfrey, by Bishop Robert

Sunday 9:45: At St Eustachius, Tavistock - Benefice Service

Sunday 6pm: Last Evensong at St Michael's of 2022 with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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