

*St John the Evangelist, Shirley*



*A Service of Holy Communion  
During the Period of Mourning  
for  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

*Stand for the Introit Hymn*

**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 your 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!**

*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.

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.**

*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.*

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.**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

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 to welcome the Gospel*

**Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
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.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Widely yet His mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him,  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;**

**Dwellers all in time and space,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

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.**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John.

**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**

**PRAYERS**

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.

We pray for those who are suffering at this time that your healing and peace might be bestowed upon them,  
and in the silence we name them before you ...

We commend to you all who have died and we name  
before you: Queen Elizabeth ...

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*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 Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Offertory Hymn*

**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.**

**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.**

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 singing:

*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.**

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

## **AGNUS DEI**

*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.*

*The president prays*

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.**

## **NOTICES**

## **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.**

The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen**

## **RECESSIONAL 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.**

**Pride of man 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  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' 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 man 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.**











