

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



A County Service of
Commemoration and Thanksgiving

for the life of our late

**Sovereign Lady
Queen Elizabeth II**

Saturday 17 September 2022
11.30 am



Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

Today's service uses texts and music approved by our late Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II, for use at this time, and is in the context of Choral Matins, loved by The Queen.
Texts are authorised by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

A message from the Lord Lieutenant



We are gathered here in Suffolk's Cathedral this morning to remember and to reflect upon the extraordinary life of our late Queen.

Her Majesty was a frequent visitor to Suffolk, and had a great affection for this county.

We are all in deepest mourning. The whole world is in deepest mourning; the sense of grief and loss is immeasurable.

Today we offer up our heartfelt prayers in appreciation of her life of unparalleled service to so many of us.

May flights of angels sing her to her rest.

Clare, Countess of Euston
Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk

Music today

The music at this morning's service is led by the Cathedral Choir.
Director of Music - Timothy Parsons

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The Order of Service

As the congregation gathers, the following music is played:

Organ Sonata in D minor, Op. 65, No. 6
Chorale and variations:
Andante sostenuto – Allegro molto – Fuga – Finale: Andante
Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847

Please stand as Clare, Countess of Euston, the Lord Lieutenant, His Majesty The King's representative in Suffolk, together with the High Sheriff of Suffolk, enters the cathedral.

The organist plays

Rhosymedre
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

The Introit

Please remain standing. As the choir sings the Introit, the Lord Lieutenant, Clare, Countess of Euston, lays at the altar a wreath of roses, in loving memory of Her Late Majesty The Queen.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Words: Psalm 34, verse 8
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958*

The congregation remains standing as the Dean welcomes the congregation and gives

The Bidding

In grief and profound thanksgiving we gather now to mourn our loss, to remember Queen Elizabeth's long life of selfless service, and to commend her to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

We remember her unswerving commitment to a high calling as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth.

We recall her lifelong dedication to her people, and her sense of duty. We remember too the sure Christian faith that sustained her steadfast life as sovereign. In silence now we pray in thanksgiving and commend Queen Elizabeth to the care and keeping of God.

The Opening Prayer

The Dean God of love,
we thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Everyone remains standing for

The Processional Hymn

**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 for 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 as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.**

**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.**

*Words: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847
Music: Praise, my soul, John Goss, 1800-1880*

Everyone remains standing.

Bishop 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.

Bishop We meet in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Bishop In the name of Christ, who died
and was raised to the glory of God the Father,
grace, mercy and peace be with you

All and also with you.

Bishop O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Bishop 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 for ever!
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,
and 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 for ever.

All Blessed be God forever.

Everyone sits as the choir sings

The Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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.

*Words: Psalm 23, Book of Common Prayer
Music: Wilfred Mothersole, 1898-1992*

Everyone remains seated. The Lord Tollemache KCVO gives

A Reflection

The Lord Tollemache reflects on Her Majesty The Late Queen Elizabeth II's
associations with the County of Suffolk.

Everyone remains seated.

Clare, Countess of Euston, the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, reads

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

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.
God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them.
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.

Wisdom 3.1–5, 9, NRSV

Thanks be to God.

**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.**

**Human pride 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 earth 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.**

*Words: Robert Bridges, 1844-1930
based on the German of Joachim Neander, 1650-1680
Music: Michael, Herbert Howells, 1892-1983*

Everyone sits as the High Sheriff of Suffolk, Major James Lowther-Pinkerton LVO MBE DL, reads

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15.50–58, NRSV

Thanks be to God.

Everyone remains seated as the choir sings

Justorum animae

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*

Words: Wisdom 3.1–2a, 3b

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924

Everyone remains seated for

The Sermon

given by
The Right Reverend Martin Seeley
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Everyone remains seated.

After a time of quiet for reflection, the Canon Precentor and choir sing

Precentor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Precentor Let us pray.

Everyone remains seated or kneels for the

The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Choir O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

Choir O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Choir Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

Choir O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Choir Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Choir O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with thy servant QUEEN ELIZABETH, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for The King

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord KING CHARLES, and all them that are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of thy name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: The Responses, William Smith, 1603-1645

Everyone sits for

The Anthem

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day:
Darkness and the light to thee are both alike.
God is light and with him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.

Words: Various scripture texts

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876

Everyone stands for

The Hymn

**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 till I want no more.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream shall 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;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Williams, 1717-91

Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes, 1872-1932

Everyone sits or kneels for the

The Prayers of Intercession

Prayers are led by the Reverend Canon Harold Afflu, senior minister at Ipswich International Church, and Macy Williamson, representing young people in the county.

God of our journey,
you have called us to follow in the way of Christ,
even to death.

By the victory of the cross
lead your faithful servant ELIZABETH
through death to resurrection
where Christ has gone before.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Saving God,
you have promised your salvation
to all who trust in you.
Bring her with all your saints
to your eternal presence.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Eternal God,
all our days depend on you,
for you are the giver of all good gifts.
Grant us with her
the life of your eternal joy and peace.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Everlasting God, we pray for THE 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.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God,
we pray for ourselves,
as we pray for ELIZABETH, our departed sovereign.
We stand where earth and heaven meet,
where life is brought to death,
and death is made the gate to glory.
Deliver us from fear and doubt,
from despair and unbelief,
and bring us all to the light of your presence.
Grant us that peace which the world cannot give,
so that we with her may trust in you
and find our life in you.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,
our Saviour in life and death,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Everyone stands.

The Bishop leads

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.

Everyone remains standing as the choir sings

The Nunc dimittis

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 Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

*Music: Evening Service in G, Op. 81,
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924*

Everyone remains standing as the Bishop gives

The Blessing

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.

Everyone remains standing to sing

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 ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save The King.**

Everyone remains standing as the processions depart and the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

Fugue in E flat 'St Anne' BWV 552ii
J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

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