



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



Sunday 11th September 2022

A service of Holy Communion
during the period of mourning following the death of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
1926-2022

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then please notify let us know and they will come to you.*

THE GREETING

Celebrant '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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant will introduce the service, ending with this prayer

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.
Amen.

READINGS

Please sit for the readings

First Reading

Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 is 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.

Second Reading

2nd letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4.16-5.4

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

John 6:35-40

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'.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant 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.

Intercessor the response to the bidding
Let us bless the Lord is **Thanks be to God**

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.
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.
Thanks be to God.

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

Thanks be to God.

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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
and also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the Preparation of the Table

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
change and decay in all around I see,
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour,
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847

Music: William Henry Monk 1823-1889

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
6 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
10 ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
15 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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:

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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Lamb of God you take away the sins of the
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world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God you
12
take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please follow directions to receive your Communion.

The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words 'The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ' please respond: Amen.

During the distribution of Communion

Chorale on Requiem Aeternam *Stephen Horsman*
Rest Eternal

Reflection

**Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best your heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
All now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
His voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Words: Katharina von Schlegel 1697-1768 tr, Jane Borthwick 1813-1897

Music: Jean Sibelius 1865-1957

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.
Amen.

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant 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.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ Amen

**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.**

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Music: William Croft 1678-1727

Chorale Prelude on Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV731

Dearest Jesus, we are here

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

It is said, less is more, simplicity can sometimes be deceptive. The accompaniment accompanies a humble reflective prayer by Tobias Clausnitzer. It was set as a Lutheran hymn based on a melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle. It is a prayer asking that our hearts be stirred to seek, love and fear the Lord. Bach sets the hymn within a beautiful decoration which is most apposite for our current time of mourning and reflection upon the life and death of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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