



**A Service of Commemoration  
on the Eve of the Funeral of  
HER LATE MAJESTY  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II**



**Sunday 18 September 2022  
4.00 pm**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK



**T**HIS afternoon's gathering in York Minister is one of a myriad of services being offered throughout our nation and the Commonwealth to honour the memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It is right that we acknowledge and give thanks for her most extraordinary reign, spanning as it did, over 70 years.

Yet in that reign, which adapted and changed as the life of the world changed so much, Her Late Majesty embodied that which was secure, timeless and reassuring. Hers was a life of deep commitment to her constitutional task, but above all to the people over whom she reigned but whom she understood she served.

That apparent paradox sprung from Her Majesty's deep Christian faith and her understanding that her life, dedicated to following Jesus Christ, meant that she was to follow his teaching and example that 'I am among you as one who serves' (Luke 22.24). Her life of service was patterned on the one to whom she bent the knee, and in the manner of her living and her dying, we are able to see reflected the glory of God and understand how those who follow him gain strength and courage for their task.

I extend my apologies that I am not able to be in York Minister today due to the responsibilities I have in London in these days. However, I unite my prayers with yours and with those around the world in commending the soul of our Late Queen to the tender mercy of God, praying that she may receive the crown of everlasting life – which is the same crown offered to all who turn to Christ. I invite you also to pray for His Majesty King Charles III in the task now entrusted to him, that he may be wise and faithful. And let us remember all who mourn, particularly the Royal Family, seeking the comfort of Almighty God.

May Her Late Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory and may God save the King.

+Stephen Ebor:

## BEFORE THE SERVICE

The congregation is invited to enter prayerfully and in silence.

To respect the solemnity of this service, it is requested that mobile phones and all recording devices be turned off.

This service is being live-streamed to enable those unable to be here to join this act of worship.

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The Choir of York Minster are directed by Robert Sharpe, Director of Music.

The organ is played by Benjamin Morris, Assistant Director of Music.

*Before the service, music is played:*

Fantasy on ‘St Columba’

Kenneth Leighton

Elegy

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Psalm-Prelude Set 1 No 2

Herbert Howells

Andante espressivo (*Sonata in G*)

Edward Elgar

Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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At 3.45 pm Civic Officers and the Civic Party from the City of York process into the building.

At 3.50 pm Ministers including members of the College of Canons of York Minster process into the Nave.

At 3.58 pm The Vice Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire is announced.  
The congregation stands as he enters.

*Please remain standing as the Choir and Chapter of York process to the West end of the Nave.*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

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*The Choir sing the Introit.*

**O**NATA lux de lumine Jesu Redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of light, Jesu Redeemer of the world:  
deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises of those who kneel before you.*

*You who once deigned to take flesh for the sake of those who were lost:  
make us members of your blessed body.*

*Words* 10th century

*Music* Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

## THE SENTENCES

**J**ESUS 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

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33. 27

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8. 38, 39

*Please remain standing.*

## HYMN

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Words* Charles Wesley (1707–88)

*Tune* BLAENWERN NEH 408 William Rowlands (1860–1937)

## WELCOME

The Revd Canon Michael Smith, Acting Dean of York

**I**N the name of Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father, grace, mercy and peace be with you.

We meet this day to remember before God  
our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth,  
to renew our trust and confidence in Christ,  
and to pray that together we may be one in him,  
through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

O God, make speed to save us  
**O Lord, make haste to help us**

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, 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 forever,  
**Amen.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

*Please sit as the Choir sing the Psalm, and stand for the Gloria:*

## PSALM

**T**HE 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.

But 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.

*Please stand.*

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.

PSALM 23

*Please sit.*

## THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 3. 1–5, 9

Read by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire  
Mr Christopher Legard, DL

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

**B**UT 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.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

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.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*



## HYMN

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;
2. Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
6. 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)

*Tune* ST ANNE, NEH 417, from A Supplement to the New Version (1708)

*Please sit.*

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21. 1-7

Read by the Revd Canon Maggie McLean, Missioner

A Reading from the book of Revelation.

**T**HEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'  
Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'  
Then he said to me,  
'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.  
Those who conquer will inherit these things,  
and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated as the Choir sing:*

## ANTHEM

**M**Y eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace;  
No other care nor hope in mine, to heaven I turn my face.  
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.  
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

*Words* Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

*Music* Elizabeth and Thomas Coxhead

*Whilst the anthem is sung, ecumenical representatives and representatives of other faiths lay flowers in thanksgiving for the life of the Queen.*

## THE ADDRESS

The Revd Canon Michael Smith, Acting Dean of York

## ANTHEM

**H**OLY is the true light, and passing wonderful,  
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict;  
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,  
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

*Words* Salisbury Diurnal

*Music* Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

## THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven,  
**h**allowed 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 souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
**And there shall no torment touch them.**

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,  
**My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

I will walk before the Lord  
**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, the members of the Royal Family,  
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.**

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Chorale Prelude on 'Eventide'

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

*Organ Music is offered for reflection as 96 candles are lit by children from local secondary schools representing the Nations of the Commonwealth.*

## THE COMMENDATION

*Please stand.*

**I**NTO 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.**

*Please remain standing as this prayer is sung by the Choir.*

## ANTHEM

**J**ESU, grant me this I pray,  
ever in thy heart to stay;  
let me evermore abide  
hidden in thy wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,  
tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
naught I fear when I abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.

If the evil one prepare,  
or the world, a tempting snare,  
I am safe when I abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;  
Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
dying let me still abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.

*Words* 17<sup>th</sup> century translated by H W Baker (1821–71)

*Music* Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625) and Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

**A**LMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lord King Charles  
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.**

## HYMN

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

*Words* E L Budry (1854–1932) *trans* R B Hoyle (1875–1939)  
*Tune* MACCABAEUS, NEH 120, G F Handel (1685–1759)

## THE BLESSING

**M**AY 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 blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**G**OD 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!

*Words* Anonymous and W E Hickson (1803–70)

*Tune* NATIONAL ANTHEM, NEH 489, Thomas Arne (1710–78)

*Please remain in your places as the procession leaves, then follow the direction of the Minster stewards.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

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*The Minster will remain open until 8.00 pm for those who wish to sign the book of condolence.*

*We enter a time of quiet, culminating with the national minute's silence at 8.00 pm.*