

# A Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Sunday 18 September 2022 3.00pm

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#### Music

Director of Music: Timothy Noon Assistant Director of Music: James Anderson-Besant Organ Scholar: Alexander Finlayson-Brown

## Organ Music before the service

Rhosymedre	Ralph V	/aughan Williams(1872-1958)
Elegy Ge		orge Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
Prelude in C minor, BV	VV 546i	J.S.Bach (1685-1750)
Nimrod (Enigma Variations)		Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
_		arr. William Harris (1883-1973)

Please note that photography and recordings are not permitted during services.

## **Order of Service**

At 2.55pm, the congregation stands with the choir for the entry of His Majesty's representative, the Lord-Lieutenant of Devon.

The choir and congregation sit.

#### Introit

At 3.00pm a bell is rung. The congregation stands as the choir sings.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia!

O God, according to Thy name so is Thy praise unto the world's end thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia!

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God in the midst of thy temple. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

> Words: Psalm 48.8-9 Music: Sir William McKie (1901-84) written for the marriage of HRH the Princess Elizabeth and Lt Philip Mountbatten RN, 20 November 1947

## **Processional hymn**

The ministers enter. All sing.

> 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.

> Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) Based on the German of J. Neander (1650-1680) Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

## Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Greener Dean of Exeter Cathedral

In the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you. **And also with you.** 

The Dean welcomes the congregation and says

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.

Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen.** 

Psalm 90

Domine, refugium

The congregation sits as the choir sings.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

<sup>3</sup> Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

<sup>7</sup> For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

<sup>8</sup> Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

<sup>9</sup> For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

<sup>10</sup> The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

<sup>11</sup> But who regardeth the power of thy wrath: for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants.

<sup>14</sup> O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

<sup>15</sup> Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

<sup>16</sup> Shew thy servants thy work: and their children thy glory.

<sup>17</sup> And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us \* prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

The congregation stands.

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.

The congregation sits.



Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth discusses the rebuilding of the Chapel of St James, Exeter Cathedral 1949.

## **First Lesson**

Ecclesiastes 12.1-7 read by Lucy Ashton, Regional Engagement Lead, Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Here begins the first verse of the twelfth Chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Here ends the first lesson.

#### Hymn

The congregation stands and sings.

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction, grace bestoweth: and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

> Words: H.W. Baker (1821-1877) Music: St Columba, Irish melody (Petrie Collection)

The congregation sits.

#### Second Lesson

1 Cor 15.51-58 read by Mr David Fursdon His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Devon

Here begins the fifty first verse of the fifteenth Chapter of Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Here ends the second lesson.

## Anthem

The choir sings.

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 righteous are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die; but they are in peace.

Words: Wisdom 3.1-3 Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## Sermon

The Right Reverend Robert Atwell Bishop of Exeter

Her Majesty the Queen distributes the Royal Maundy at Exeter Cathedral, 1983.



## Hymn

The congregation stands and sings.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him! 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. Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness!

The choir only sings verse three.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows!

All sing.

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. Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace

> Words: from Psalm 103, Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) Music: Praise my soul, John Goss (1800-1880)

## **Prayers**

The congregation sits.

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.** 

God our Father, we pray for all gathered in this place and across our county, that by your grace we may be inspired by the life of your servant ELIZABETH our late Queen to dedicate ourselves to serving one another. **Amen.** 

#### The Dean says

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 prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

#### Anthem

#### The choir sings.

Thro' the day Thy love hath spared us, Now we lay us down to rest: Thro' the silent watches guard us, Let no foe our peace molest. Jesus, Thou our Guardian be; Sweet it is to trust in Thee.

Pilgrims here on earth and strangers, Dwelling in the midst of foes, Us and ours preserve from dangers; In Thine arms may we repose And, when life's sad day is past, Rest with Thee in heav'n at last.

> Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855) Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

## Commendation

The Reverend Prebendary Nigel Guthrie Vicar of St David's with St Michael and All Angels, Exeter, Chaplain to His Majesty The King

The congregation stands. The King's Chaplain says

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.

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God **in Christ Jesus our Lord.** 

This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me; **And I will raise them up at the last day.** 

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her.

May she rest in peace **And rise in glory.** 

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but also for those whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# **Nunc Dimittis**

The congregation remains standing. The choir sings.

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace: Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum: Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

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.

Words: Luke 2.29-32 Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

## Hymn

The congregation sings the hymn, during which a collection will be taken.

Christ is made the sure foundation, and the precious corner-stone, who, the two walls underlying, bound in each, binds both in one, holy Sion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved by God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody, God the One, in Threefold glory, singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants gifts of grace by prayer to gain; here to have and hold for ever, those good things their prayers obtain, and hereafter, in thy glory, with thy blessèd ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father, Laud and honour to the Son, Laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One: One in love and one in splendour, while unending ages run. Amen.

> Words: Latin 6th century, trans John M. Neale (1818-1866) Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-95)

## **Concluding Prayer**

The congregation remains standing. The Bishop says

Almighty 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.** 

# Blessing

The Bishop says

God grant to the living, grace; to our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH and all the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all people, 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 National Anthem**

The congregation remains standing and sings.

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!

## **Organ Voluntary**

Allegro Maestoso (Sonata in G) Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The congregation remains standing as clergy and choir accompany the Lord-Lieutenant to the Great West Door.

The congregation is invited to proceed to the Cloister Garden marquee for light refreshments.

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