



A Special Commemoration
Service Marking
the Death of Her Late Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
6:30 P.M.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

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THE RT. REV. C. ANDREW DOYLE, *Bishop of Texas*

THE REV. DR. SUSE MCBAY, *lector*

THE REV. JANE FERGUSON, *lector*

THE REV. ART MCELROY, *lector*

BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL RICHARD HYDE, *lector*

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

ROBERT L. SIMPSON, *Canon for Music*

DARYL ROBINSON, *Cathedral Organist*

MATTHEW R. DION, *Organ Scholar*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Meditation on 'Brother James's Air'

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

HYMN 410

Lauda anima

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus 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*

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.

— *Romans 8:38,39*

The Bishop says

In 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 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.

Then the Bishop says

Leader O God, make speed to save us.

People **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 for ever. **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 for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-5,9

The Rev. Dr. Suse McBay, St. Martin's Episcopal Church

But 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 in the presence of 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

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-7

The Rev. Jane Ferguson, St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Then 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Rev. Art McElroy, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Unison

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.

FLORAL TRIBUTE BY SIMON ARMITAGE

British Consul General Richard Hyde

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.
Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

THE HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle

ANTHEM

William Byrd (1543-1623)

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 there shall no torment touch them:
in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die,
but they are in peace.*

—*Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-2, 3b*

THE PRAYERS

Leader Let us pray.
Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Leader Lord, have mercy upon 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.**

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 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, the people of the United Kingdom 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.**

THE COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, 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.**

HYMN 680

St. Anne

THE BLESSING

May 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 BRITISH 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.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in C Minor, BWV 562

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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While the Order's roots date to the eleventh century and the foundation of the Knights Hospitallers, today the Order of St John is an international family of charities whose mission is to lead globally in First Aid and medical responses to community healthcare needs. The Order accomplishes its mission with the support of its 11 Priors and over 30 associations, 21,000 members worldwide and 250,000 dedicated volunteers operating in more than 30 countries. The Priory in the USA supports the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, which provides the people of the Holy Land with much need ophthalmological care. The Episcopal Diocese of Texas has helped to further and sustain the work of the Eye Hospital, making generous gifts in recent years.

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