

St Mary's Parish Church, Ross-on-Wye

**A SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE
MARKING THE DEATH OF
HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**



*Recoloured Artwork created by residents of
Chepstow House, Ross on Wye.*

Sunday 18th September 2022 – 7.00 pm

The choir begins the service from the west end of the nave.

Introit

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

William McKie

(From an anthem written for the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II).

Please stand as the choir and clergy process to their places.

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*)

Hymn

During the hymn, a representative of Ross-on-Wye Town Council will place a bouquet on the altar next to the picture of the Late Queen.

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.

The Rector introduces the service.

We meet on the eve of the State Funeral 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.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

Poem

Read by Imogen Bell (John Kyrle High School)

September the 8th, 2022

You were old, already, when I was born
And I took your gentle face for granted:
On every coin and every postage stamp,
Each Christmas message, poppy wreath laid.
Most famous of faces around the world,
I saw you, once or twice, felt I knew you
And many people cherish their stories
Of garden parties and medals received.

We feel the sands of time shift beneath us
As history is marked before our eyes.
We feel the cold wind blow, the night draw in
And pull our coats tightly around our chests;
We raise our heads, as you did, say a prayer;
We cling to the true rock, the true anchor
As you did. We live with faith, hope and love.

Sorrel May

Musical tributes (John Kyrle High School)

Chanson Triste - *Tchaikovsky* - played by Alf Steward

Elegie - *Gordon Jacob* - played by Sidney Steward

RBL Tribute

A tribute to Her Majesty - Royal British Legion Chairman, Mr Graham Aplin.

Psalm 23

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.
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.

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.

Chant by Henry Walford Davies

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:23-25 read by Deputy Lieutenant, Mr Paul Deneen.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from every tongue
Will one day come.
Before our God we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace:
Salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing,
Their thunderous anthem rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
Strength, thanks, and honour are
To God, our King, who reigns on high
For evermore.

And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We'll honour him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,
As thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:
We'll reign with Him.

Hear heaven's voices sing ...

Gospel Reading

St John 14.1-6

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

A brief reflection may follow.

Anthem

No gilded throne, nor gleaming crown of Sapphire can sure outshine an earthly vow. To serve, to live with dignity, with humble stewardship and sacrifice, a pledge of unity, a vow of love.

So every day, we strive to do what's right, not choosing spite, or breeding hate, a life of faith and honesty. As courage is the key to progress, we'll surely journey on, sustained by love.

Though earthly rulers' robes are often fleeting, truth comes to those who nobly dare to live a life of constancy, to love thy neighbour and thy family, a living ministry, an act of love.

The truth is, grief is the price we pay for love, and surely love will life sustain, with endless grace of heart and mind; to ascend with ever greater purpose, through all the darkest times, to show us holy life throughout the years of life, a vow of love.

*Words by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
music by Thomas Hewitt-Jones*

Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

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.**

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.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

All **And there shall no torment touch them.**

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

All **My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

I will walk before the Lord

All **In the land of the living.**

Pie Jesu

*Pie Jesu,
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem.
Agnus Dei.
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem,
Sempiternam requiem.*

Merciful Jesus,
who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest.
Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest, everlasting rest

From "Requiem" – Andrew Lloyd-Webber

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.

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.

George Dyson

National Moment of Reflection (a minute's silence)

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.