



Evening Prayer

On the occasion of the death of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

8pm, St Peter's Church, Brackley

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.

All ○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All **your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of the Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.
As you call us into your marvellous light,
may our lives bear witness to your truth
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Please sit
Opening prayer

God of the ages, we come before you to mourn and lament the
death of Elizabeth our Queen, to give you thanks and praise for
all the ways she served this nation, to pray for our new King
and to take comfort in the eternal loving rule of your Son, the
Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God
Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; ♦
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, ♦
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; ♦
he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ♦
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; ♦
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ♦
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; ♦
it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in, ♦
from this time forth for evermore.

All **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.**

Canticle

All **By the river stood the tree of life,
with healing for all the nations.**

- 1 I saw no temple in the city, ♦
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty
and the Lamb.
- 2 And the city has no need of sun or moon
to shine upon it, ♦
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.
- 3 By its light the nations shall walk, ♦
and the rulers of the earth
shall bring their glory into it.
- 4 Its gates shall never be shut by day,
nor shall there be any night; ♦
they shall bring into it
the glory and honour of the nations.
- 5 I saw the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, ♦
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 6 And either side of the river stood the tree of life,
yielding its fruit each month, ♦

and the leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the nations.

7 The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and his servants shall worship him; ♦
and they shall see his face
and his name shall be on their foreheads.

Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1, 2b, d, 3b, 4

All **By the river stood the tree of life, with healing for all the nations. To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Reading
Revelation 21.1-8

¹ 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. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ 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.' ⁴ 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.' ⁵ 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. ⁶ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Death is swallowed up in victory.

All **Where, O death, is your sting?**
Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

All **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

All **Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

All **Death is swallowed up in victory.**
Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

Second Reading

John 10.11-18

Jesus said: ¹¹‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.’

Please stand
Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Please sit
Prayers

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace. For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you, O Lord:

silence is kept

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

For the King, the government and the Commonwealth we pray, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:

silence is kept

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:

silence is kept

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord:

silence is kept

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

For the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, we pray to you, O Lord:

silence is kept

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord:

silence is kept

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God.

silence is kept

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant with 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 forever.

All **Amen.**

The congregation is now invited to light candles as a mark of gratitude for Her Majesty, during which time music is played.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray in the words you gave us.

All **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.**

Silence is kept

Please stand

The Conclusion

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
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Blessing

May God give us his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,
in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and
remain with us always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

All **Amen.**

God Save the King

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.

*All are welcome to sign the condolence book provided.
A civic service will be held at St Peter's in due course.*