



**SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION
TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Sunday 9 October 2022
6.15 pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN MUSIC

Rhosymedre
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

All stand when the Choir and Clergy enter the Chapel

INTROIT

Thou knowest, Lord (1695)
Henry Purcell (1659–95)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer,
But spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour
For any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

Words: from the Book of Common Prayer Burial Service

HYMN

NEH 436

PRAISE MY SOUL

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

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

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

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

Music: John Goss (1800–80)

BIDDING

With thanksgiving, we gather in this chapel today to mourn the death of our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth the Second.

We remember her long life spent in the service of this country and of her Commonwealth realms around the world. We give thanks for her devotion to God, her Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, and to her people.

As we call to mind the promise made at her Coronation that all her judgements should be guided by Law, Justice and Mercy, we also give thanks for her acceptance of her vocation, her love for her family, her commitment to duty, and her endeavour to create unity and concord in the Commonwealth.

We pray for the Royal Family, as they mourn their loss.

We pray too for our most gracious Sovereign Lord, The King, that placing all his trust in God, he too may rule over us in peace with justice and compassion.

Let us pray.

**Eternal Lord God,
you hold all souls in life;
send forth, we pray, upon your servant, Elizabeth,
and upon your whole Church in earth and heaven
the brightness of your light and peace;
and grant that we,
following the good example of those
who have faithfully served you here and are now at rest,
may at the last enter with them
into the fullness of eternal joy
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

ANTHEM

We wait for thy loving kindness (1947)

William McKie (1901–84)

composed for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple. Alleluya.

O God, according to thy Name,
so is thy praise unto the world's end.

Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluya.

O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

Words: Psalm 48 vv. 8–9; Psalm 118 v. 25

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61: 1–3

read by the Master

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

ANTHEM

Behold, O God our defender (1952)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

composed for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

Behold, O God our defender,
and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Words: Psalm 84 vv. 9–10

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14: 7–12

read by Benedict Randall Shaw

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

ANTHEM

The souls of the righteous (2022)

Owain Park (b. 1993)

commissioned by the College for this service

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance,
and the wise will shine as the brightness of the firmament.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them, for they are in peace.

Words: Wisdom of Solomon 3 vv. 1, 3b;

Psalm 112 v. 6; Daniel 12 v. 3

THE SERMON

The Dean of Chapel

HYMN

NEH 252

ST CLEMENT

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

Words: John Ellerton (1826–93)

Music: Clement Scholefield (1839–1904)

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,
and all people, peace and concord;
and to us and all sinners,
forgiveness and time for the amendment of life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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.**

All remain standing as the Choir and Clergy recess

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

‘Nimrod’, Variation IX from Enigma Variations
Edward Elgar (1857–1934)