

SPECIAL FORMS OF SERVICE
IN COMMEMORATION OF
HER LATE MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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FORM I: HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT

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.

or:

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;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God,
world without end.
Amen.

READINGS

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

Psalm: 121

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:4

Gospel: John 6:35-40

PROPER PREFACE

Who rose victorious from the dead
and comforts us
with the blessed hope of everlasting life.
For your faithful people, Lord,
life is changed but not taken away
and, when this mortal body is laid aside in death,
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us
in heaven with you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life
for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

or:

Father in heaven
grant that we, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your redeeming grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FORM II: SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE

One or more of these SENTENCES may be used and a hymn may be sung.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11:25, 26

We brought nothing into the world,
and we can take nothing out of it.
The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
may the name of the Lord be praised.

1 Timothy 6. 7: Job 1. 21b

The eternal God is your refuge:
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27

I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
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

Minister: In the name of Christ,
who died and was raised
to the glory of God the Father,
grace, mercy and peace be with you.

The minister introduces the service with these or other words.

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.

Then the minister says

O God, make speed to save us.
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.**

One of the following PSALMS is said or sung

The Lord is my shepherd
Psalm 23

or: The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalm 27

or: I lift up my eyes to the hills
Psalm 121

One of the following LESSONS is read.

1 Corinthians 15:20–end

or: Revelation 7:9–end

or: Revelation 21:1–7

An ANTHEM or HYMN is sung.

A SERMON may be preached.

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
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.**

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

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death :
My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

Psalm 56:13

I will walk before the Lord :
In the land of the living.

Psalm 116:9

PRAYERS may be offered from among the following:

Merciful Father and Lord of all life,
we praise you that we are made in your image
and reflect your truth and light.
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for the love she received from you
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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.

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light;
no noise nor silence,
but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes,
but one equal possession;
no ends nor beginnings,
but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,
world without end.

Amen.

after John Donne (1571–1631)

Remember, O Lord,
what thou hast wrought in us,
and not what we deserve;
and as thou hast called us to thy service,
make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth
into the hands of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

The minister uses the following prayer of entrusting and commending, or some other appropriate prayer:

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,
we entrust our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth to your mercy;
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive
and reigns with you,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Other authorised Prayers of Commendation may be used.

The Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed may be said or sung.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints:
where pain and sorrow and grief are no more,
but life everlasting.
You alone are the immortal one,
the creator and maker of us all.
We are mortals:
from earth we were fashioned,
to earth we shall return;
for so you ordained when you made me, saying:
“dust you are, and unto dust you shall return”.
All we go down to the dust;
yet even over the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Grant, Lord,
that we may live in your fear,
die in your favour,
rest in your peace,
rise in your power
and reign in your glory;
for your own beloved Son’s sake,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

William Laud (1573–1645)

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

May God's help remain with us
and may our departed brothers and sisters in the Lord rest in peace,
And rise in glory. Amen.

This, or some other HYMN, may be sung

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord KING [*NAME and NUMBER*]
and all who are set in authority under him,
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity,
righteousness and peace,
to the honour of thy holy Name
and the good of thy Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
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 NATIONAL ANTHEMS

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 give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra mad,
Dros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.

Gwlad, Gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad.
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,
O bydded i'r heniaith barhau.

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