

## **A Service of Holy Communion during the period of mourning of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

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

### Processional Hymn

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and love everything you have made. In your mercy, turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### Invitation to confession

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer of Confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## The Absolution

May God our Father forgive us our sins

and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion.

**Amen.**

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## The Collect

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.**

## Reading

### Old Testament

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. 'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'.  
**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **Intercessions**

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

*And at the end all say*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Hymn

### Preparation of the Table

May all who are called to a place at your table  
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

**Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection;  
so that, although death comes to us all,  
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;  
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;  
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside  
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,  
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his  
precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our  
Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for  
you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink  
it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**rising you restored our life:**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy  
communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink, in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Priest and people receive communion*

### Prayer after Communion

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

### National Anthem

#### Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all  
humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the  
blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

#### Hymn

#### Dismissal

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