

rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
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:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Please kneel or remain seated. During the prayer the following response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers end with the Grace, said by all

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Please stand

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God grant to the living, grace; To thy daughter, Elizabeth, and all the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and to all people, 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 upon you, and remain with you, now and for ever.

Amen.

**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,
With heart and voice to sing,
God save the King!**

The Sortie will be William Walton's Imperial Coronation March written for Her Majesty's Coronation in 1953.

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St George's Paris

A Solemn Evensong of Commemoration and Thanksgiving on Saturday 17th September 16h00 for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II *In the presence of the British Ambassador, Her Excellency Dame Menna Rawlings*

Prayers

Blessing



10th June 1926—8th September 2022

A warm welcome to St George's—online or in person. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the **Funeral Sentences** by William Croft (1678-1727), the **Canticles** and **Responses** by Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988) and the psalm and anthem by William Howells (1892-1983) from his **Requiem**.

Today is not a funeral but a commemoration and thanksgiving for her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The Christian faith which supported and upheld Her Majesty's remarkable devotion to duty and sense of self teaches that God, who calls us to live in Him, is never far from us in life or in death. The music is therefore a celebration of both the joys of life and a confident affirmation that God is our Saviour.

We are grateful to our Director of Music, Dr Peter Hicks, and Andrew Dewar, organist of the American Cathedral for today's music.

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As the bell rings, we stand as the Choir sings **Words: From the Burial of the Dead**, in The Book of Common Prayer.

*I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord :
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shalt stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:
whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.*

*We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.*

*Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery.
He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.*

*In the midst of life we are in death:
of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord,
who for our sins art justly displeased?
Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.*

*I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write,
From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord:
even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours.*

Welcome

Welcome to St George's, Paris for this Memorial Evensong for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. In this service we join with the people of the United Kingdom and France in mourning and remembrance, we pray for the repose of the soul of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and for the Royal Family in their loss.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. *Matthew 5.4*

Confession

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Please kneel or sit

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,**

The Collects

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with Queen Elizabeth II and all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day, when thou dost gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

*Please be seated as the Choir sings the anthem. Psalm 23 from the **Requiem** by Herbert Howells.*

*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 in the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: 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.*

Address

*Please be seated for the address given by Her Excellency Dame Menna Rawlings, British
Ambassador to the French Republic.*

Hymn

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

**Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,**

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.

Apostles Creed

Please remain standing

I believe in God, the **Father almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Responses, Lesser Litany and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel as the Choir sings :

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

This absolution follows

+ May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Preces

Please stand as the Choir sings :

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 121

Please sit.

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.*

Please stand

*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.*

First Lesson : Ecclesiastes 12. 1-7

The first lesson begins at the first verse of the twelfth chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes.

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it.

There ends the lesson.

Please stand.

**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.**

Hymn



Magnificat : Luke 1. 46-55

Please remain standing. The altar is incensed in honour of the Incarnation.

*My soul doth magnify the Lord :and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :*

*he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed 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.*

Second Lesson : Revelation 7: 9-17

Please be seated.

The second lesson begins at the ninth verse of the seventh chapter of the Revelation to John the Divine.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

There ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimmittis : Luke 2. 29-32

Please stand.

*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.*