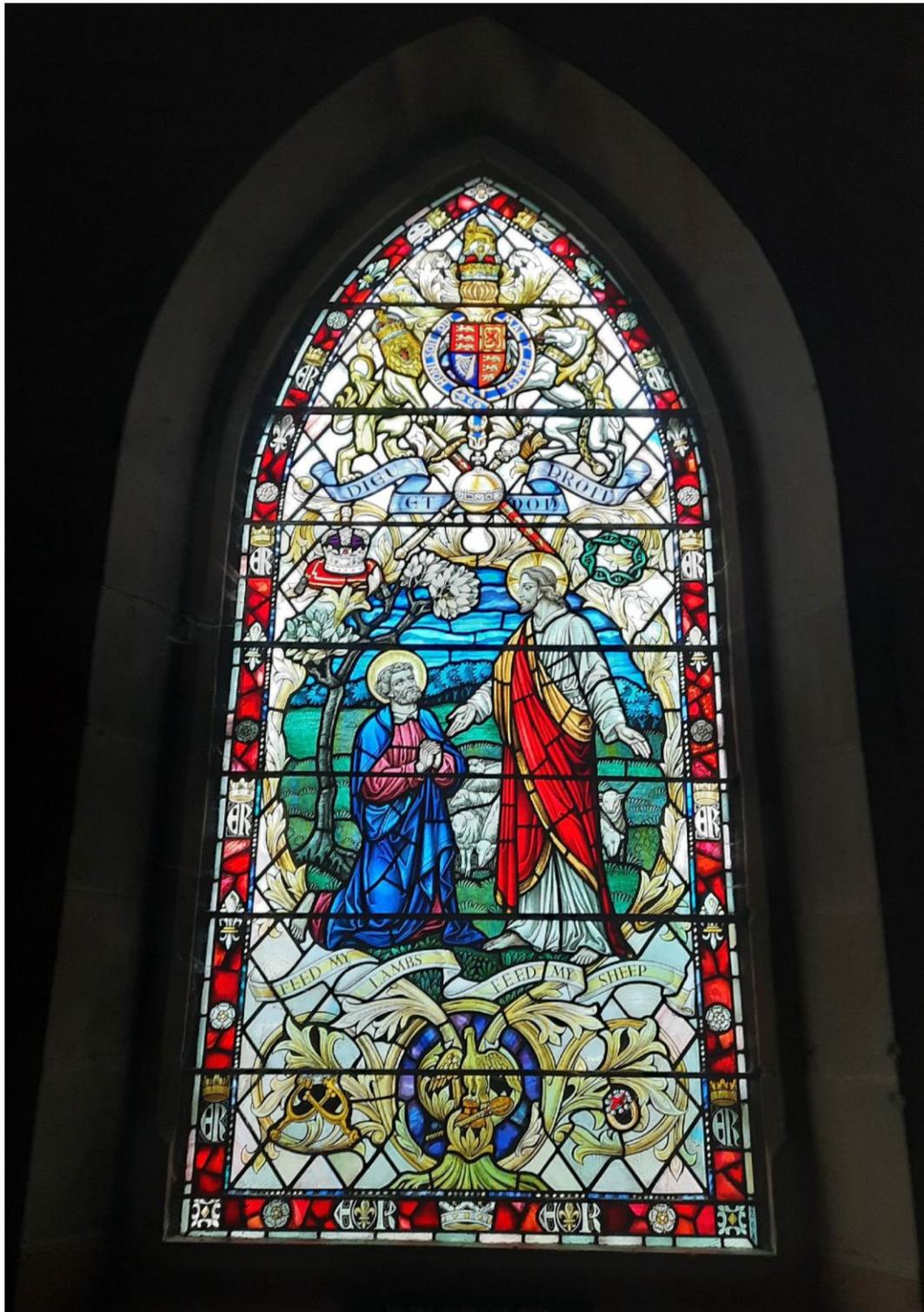




A special prayer service
to give thanks for the life of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
1926-2022



St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton
Tuesday 13th September 2022, 10.00am



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE VISIT OF HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II
15-3-1954

CATHEDRAL BELLS TRIBUTE (please stand)

SILENT PROCESSION

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OPENING HYMN Immortal Invisible

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

Worship and Rejoice, 2003

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We have come together
to thank God for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,
to mourn and honour her,
and to support one another in grief.
We face the certainty
of our own death and judgement.
Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ
share eternal life with him.
Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,
who created and sustains us all.

God our Father,
you alone are holy.
Forgive us all our sins and failures.
Uphold us by your Spirit.
Enable us to show your compassion.
Give us in our sorrow the calm of your peace.
May our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SELECTED BIBLE VERSES

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord.
‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they
live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.’

John 11.25

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor
principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor
powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

Roman 8:38-39

OPENING PRAYER (together)

**Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Help us to live as those who believe in the communion of
saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection to eternal life:
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 23 (together)

**The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup will be full.
Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
As in the beginning so now and for ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

BIBLE READING

Jesus promises his followers a place in his Father's house.

He said to them, "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

John 14.1-6

ADDRESS

LORD'S PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Holy and Loving Father,
you gave us life when you created us,
and in your redeeming love you have given us new life in
Christ Jesus.

We give you thanks for your servant, Queen Elizabeth II.
We give you thanks for her seventy years of selfless dedication
and service.

We thank you for her own faith and pray that this may bring
comfort for those who mourn at this challenging time.

In faith and trust we leave her in your keeping;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
in glory forever.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We thank you our Father
that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us.
We thank you that you raised him from the dead.
We thank you for the gift of life, and the life of Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II.

Bring us with your faithful people
to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We bring before you dear Lord, the entire Royal Family
and all who were close to Her Majesty who will feel
a great sense of loss.

Grant them a good grief, which puts away stoicism and
pretence. May they be a comfort and strength to one
another.

Unite in grief, those who have known conflict and division. Give
wisdom to clergy who will minister to them during this time,

that they will bring words of hope and life.
We pray for those who have not previously known your love for them, that they may in this sad time, be inspired by Her Late Majesty's trust in you, and turn to you for help.
May they find consolation in the assurance of Her Late Majesty's presence with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

**Help us, Lord, to receive and understand your gospel,
so that we may find light in our darkness,
strength in our grief,
and hope and comfort in your saving words.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR KING CHARLES III

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty, King of kings,
Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth.

Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way.

Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies;
and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God save the King!
Long live the King!
God save the King!

BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us,
and give us peace. **Amen.**

**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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my Strength and Shield,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

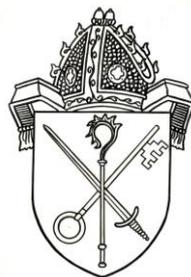
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ORGAN VOLUNTARY *I Vow to Thee my Country*





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