

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the
Platinum Jubilee
of the reign of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden

5 June 2022
10.00am

Choir introit O taste and see

Vaughan Williams

Processional hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
you have promised loving kindness,
hear your servants as we pray;
bless your people now before you,
turn our darkness into day.

Hear the cry of all your people,
what they ask and hope to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with your chosen to retain;
And hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run.

The minister welcomes the people and says:

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving power among the nations.

We gather together to worship God

and in thanksgiving for the seventy years of faithful service of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.

We give thanks for her example of faithfulness to God and to her people,

and pray God's blessing on her

that she may continue to fulfil the promises she has made with generosity and joy.

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;

I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise;
thou mine inheritance, through all my days.
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish 8th century, trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

The minister prays:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading - Proverbs 8.1–16

Bron Ferland

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge.”

“Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight, I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me rulers rule, and nobles, all who govern rightly.”

Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

'Discendi, amor santo' by Bianco da Siena (d. 1434),
trans. Richard F. Littledale (1833- 1890) alt.

Second Reading - Luke 22:24-30 Carey Dickinson

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Talk

Revd Jeremy Trew

Anthem

In our service

T. Hewitt Jones

Prayers

Mike Felgate

O God, you provide for your people by your power, and rule over them in love: receive the gratitude which we offer this day for your servant Elizabeth our Queen.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise today for the Queen's many years of service; her faith and devotion to duty and her care for her people.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for continued strength for The Queen to fulfil her duty and for all the Royal Family as they support her. Send your blessing upon her work, that under her we may be wisely governed, and all people may serve you in faith, hope, and love.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

O God, bless all members of the Commonwealth of nations, bound together under one Queen. Help us always to take seriously our great responsibilities, and set before us an example of integrity and justice, faith, courage, duty, self-discipline, and fairness, that we may foster the peace and goodwill that gives you alone the glory.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

King of kings and Lord of lords, fill the hearts of all in authority with the love of your laws, and with all that is righteous and life-giving, that, together with them, we may be wise and worthy stewards of your gifts.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We join our prayers together in the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Act of Dedication

As we give thanks for Her Majesty's service to us all,
let us dedicate our own lives once again to the love
and service of God and neighbour:

**Lord of our lives and Father of all, grant that our
thanksgiving may prove itself in service to you and to
our Queen, our country and one another, for your
Name's sake. Amen.**

Hymn

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Nun danket alle Gott' by Martin Rinkard (1586-1649)
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to
the Church, the Queen, 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.**

The National Anthem.

God save our gracious
Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and
voice,
God save the Queen.

arranged by Gordon Jacob

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Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott, Op 65 No 13

Organ and St Mary's Brass Group

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service...

But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953