



A service of
Thanksgiving for
Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II

*Sunday, 18 September 2022,
at 2.00pm*

Welcome
to this afternoon's
service

The service is led by
The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Preacher is
The Rt Revd Philip North
Bishop of Burnley

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music

Organist
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The service is live streamed

Before the Service

Preludes

Ciacona in C minor (BuxWV 159) Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1638-1707)

Master Tallis' Testament Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

At 1.50pm the Dean will escort the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Vice Lord Lieutenant and Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen to their seats in the Nave.

Mace Bearer

*The Mayor and Mayoress of Blackburn with Darwen,
Councillor Suleman Khonat JP and Mrs Sumaiya Khonat
Vice Lord Lieutenant, Christine Kirk DL and Mr Gary Kirk
High Sheriff of Lancashire, Mr Martin Ainscough DL*

Lord Lieutenant's Cadets

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire,

The Rt Hon The Lord Shuttleworth KG KCVO and Lady Shuttleworth DL

The Cathedral Procession

Processional Cross

The Choir

Virger

The Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster

Cathedral Ministers

The Honorary Canons

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The Archdeacons

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Members of Chapter

The Dean

The Bishop of Burnley

The Procession

Please stand as the choir and ministers enter.

Please remain standing as the choir sings

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy Judge eternal.
Suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.

*1679-95 Book of Common Prayer
Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

Welcome

*The Dean, the Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones,
introduces the service, and then says*

We have gathered together today in gratitude for the life
of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second.
For her grace, humanity and sympathy,
for her courage in adversity,
for the happiness she brought to so many,
for her steadfast pilgrimage of faith,
for her example of service,
and for the duty which she rendered unflinchingly to her country,
we thank and praise Almighty God.

In this service we shall pray for the repose of her soul, for her
family and loved ones in their grief, for our nation and
government, and our new King Charles III.

Let us pray

[please remain standing]

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
shepherd and protector of your grieving people,
their beginning and their ending.

Lead us to a place of peace and refreshment;
guide us to springs of life-giving water;

wipe away the tears from our eyes
and bring us to heaven

where there is no more death,

no more grief or crying or pain

in your presence, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn

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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 changest thee.

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

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Please sit down.

Psalm
(139.1-11)

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me :
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,
thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed :
and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue :
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before :
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :
I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit :
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there :
if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning :
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me :
and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, peradventure the darkness shall cover me :
then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day :
the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

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.

The good news of deliverance

Isaiah 61.1-3

*Read by the Lord Lieutenant,
The Rt Hon The Lord Shuttleworth KG, KCVO*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn

LORD OF THE YEARS



Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;
rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your name.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

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Please sit down

Gospel Reading

A tree and its fruit; the two foundations

Luke 6.43-end

Read by the Vice Lord Lieutenant,

Christine Kirk DL

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples ‘No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

‘Why do you call me “Lord, Lord”, and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rt Revd Philip North

Bishop of Burnley

There is a short silence after the sermon for reflection.

Anthem

Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this:
that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
that ye should show forth the praises
of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.

Music by John Ireland (1879 – 1962)

Prayers

Read by Canon Rowena Pailing,

Vice Dean

Let us pray.

Please kneel or remain seated.

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

God of all grace,
who did send your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to bring life and immortality to light:
most humbly and heartily we give you thanks
that by his death he destroyed the power of death,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Grant us assuredly to know
that because he lives we shall live also,
and that neither death nor life,
nor things present nor things to come,
shall be able to separate us from your love,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Creator of the universe, watch over us
and keep us in the light of your presence.
May our praise continually blend
with that of all creation,
until we come together to the eternal joys
which you promise in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Celtic prayer from the Book of Common Prayer of the Church in Wales

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.

Adapted from Church of England Common Worship

The choir sings

God be in my head,
and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes,
and in my looking;

God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking;

God be in my heart,
and in my thinking;

God be at my end,
and at my departing.

Book of Hours (1514)

Music by Herman Brearley (d. 1940)

The Vice Dean continues:

Courage comes from the heart
and we are always welcomed by God
the Croí ['Kree'] of all being.
We witness to our faith,
knowing that we are called
to live lives of courage,
love and reconciliation
in the ordinary and extraordinary of each day.
We bear witness too, to our failures,
and all our complicity in the fractures of our world.
May we be courageous,
may we learn,
may we love.
Amen.

Adapted from the Corrymeela Community of Northern Ireland.

Almighty God,
the fountain of all goodness,
bless our most gracious Sovereign,
King Charles III and all the Royal Family:
endue them with your Holy Spirit,
enrich them with your heavenly grace;
prosper them with all happiness;
and bring them to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

All say together

**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 Dean prays

O Eternal God,
our Heavenly Father,
we bless your holy name for all that you have given us
in and through the life of your daughter Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:

for her love of family and her gift of friendship;
for her grace, dignity and courtesy;
for her humour, generosity and sheer love of life.

And we praise you for:

the courage that she showed in times of hardship;
the depth and reality of her Christian faith;
the good example that she set for us to follow.

We offer you our heartfelt thanks

for the deep affection she drew out of everyone she met,
and we pray that you will grant her peace;
let light perpetual shine upon her;
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power
work in her the good purpose of your perfect will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The choir sings

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled.

John 4.27, music by Amy Beach (1867-1944)

Bring us, O Lord God,
at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into the 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.

John Donne (1572-1631)

All stand to sing

National Anthem

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
to sing with heart and voice
God save the King!

The Blessing

The Bishop of Burnley says

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, The King,
the Commonwealth and 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 among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional hymn

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O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry (1942–1996)

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The Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please remain standing as the procession leaves
and then please follow the directions of the stewards.*

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Mace Bearer

The Mayor and Mayoress of Blackburn with Darwen,

Councillor Suleman Khonat JP and Mrs Sumaiya Khonat

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