

A service to mark the 70th anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty The Queen

Gathering

We gather for this service to worship and praise God giving thanks as we mark the Platinum Jubilee of The Queen's reign. We celebrate seventy years of her sovereignty and faithful service. We also give thanks to God for pouring out His Holy Spirit on all His children, whatever their position in life.

Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues
employ,
O bless and magnify his name.

Because the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heaven and earth
adore,
From earth and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (Adapted Gray)

Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving

Let us pray

God of all nations,
on this day of Pentecost we praise you for the power of your Holy Spirit,
equipping each of us for our life's work.
We celebrate especially the wonderful work of our Queen,
who has put loyalty before her royalty through all the ages of her reign.
And who, day by day, has served you her God and Christ her King with humility, resilience
and grace Thank you for all she is and all she has done to your glory.
Help us to follow her example of dedication, and like her, commit our lives to you and to one
another.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Reading ~ Micah 6.6-8

What the Lord requires

- ⁶ What shall I bring to the Lord, the God of heaven, when I come to worship him? Shall I bring the best calves to burn as offerings to him?
- ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep or endless streams of olive oil? Shall I offer him my firstborn child to pay for my sins?
- ⁸ No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us the days we don't feel like rejoicing and when we find peace evading us. We are sorry when we fail to live as joyful children of God. Negative emotions have a habit of infiltrating. We find ourselves fearing situations we can't control, doubting what we can't see or understand. Others may share of what you have done in their lives and sometimes we find ourselves being sceptical instead of accepting, believing and rejoicing in your wonders.

**Lord God, forgive us.
Help us to live more Spirit-filled lives. Amen.**

God sent his Son to die for us.
God sent his Holy Spirit to live with us and in us.
Be at peace. For Jesus is faithful and just. Our sins are forgiven.

**We praise you, Father God.
We thank you, Jesus.
Holy Spirit, come fill us afresh. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn

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 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

The New Testament Reading *Romans 13:1-3, 8-10*

Duties towards the State Authorities

1. Everyone must obey the state authorities, because no authority exists without God's permission, and the existing authorities have been put there by God.
2. Whoever opposes the existing authority opposes what God has ordered; and anyone who does so will bring judgement on himself.
3. For rulers are not to be feared by those who do good, but by those who do evil. Would you like to be unafraid of those in authority? Then do what is good, and they will praise you,

Duties towards One Another

8. Be under obligation to no one — the only obligation you have is to love one another. Whoever does this has obeyed the Law.
9. The commandments, “Do not commit adultery; do not commit murder; do not steal; do not desire what belongs to someone else” — all these, and any others besides, are summed up in the one command, “Love your neighbour as you love yourself.”
10. If you love someone, you will never do them wrong; to love, then, is to obey the whole Law.

A short reflection

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.

Prayers for our World

God, in whose likeness all are made,
teach us to see each other as you see us —
beautiful and beloved, valued beyond measure.

Lord hear us, **hear us in your love.**

God, who is love,
teach us to love each other as you love us -
embracing friend, neighbour, and stranger.

Lord hear us, **hear us in your love.**

God of compassion,
teach us to hear as you hear,
the cries of those who are suffering.

Lord hear us, **hear us in your love. Amen.**

Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

Graham Kendrick

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.