A Service of the Word for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee

Preparation

GREETING

Welcome in the name of Christ.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalm 84:9-10

I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ,

we have come together to offer our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word,

and to give thanks for the seventy year reign of Elizabeth our Queen.

We pray for her continued health and wisdom,

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

she may continue to give herself to the service of God.

We commit ourselves afresh to serve our community and our nation that the earth may be filled with God's justice, love and peace.

PENITENCE

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

God be gracious to us and bless us, And make your face shine upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

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May your ways be known upon the earth, your saving power among the nations.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace; Grant that, as we celebrate the earthly reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, so through her example of faith and self-giving your people may come to know the fullness of your power and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Lord God, the Ancient of Days, you are sovereign over all your people; Give to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth enduring wisdom and faith in the service of the people of this land and of you, her Lord and master. Grant that her faithful witness may be to others a source of hope, that they may come to know more fully your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Acclamation

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in

Who is the King of glory?'
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?'
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Psalm 24:7-10

Ministry of the Word

Any of the following or some other suitable reading may be used. The lectionary provision of the day or the readings below may be used.

If only one reading is used it will normally be from the New Testament. If the service is a Eucharist, a Gospel Reading must be used.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Joshua 1:1-9; I Kings 3:11-14; Proverbs 8:1-16

PSALM

Psalm 20; Psalm 21:1-7; Psalm 24; Psalm 101, Psalm 121, Psalm 150

Second Reading

Romans 13:1-10; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 21:22-22:4; Matthew 5:1-12; Matthew 22:16-22; Luke 22:24-30

Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God. Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Intercessions

Prayers of intercessions, during which the symbols from the Coronation Service may be displayed.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith.

The Bible for faith

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the Bible, 'the most precious gift earth affords.'

We pray for all people of faith, and for those who seek a faith by which to live, for Bible scholars and translators who open the Word of God to others, for those who preach the Gospel, and those who would follow the Bible's teachings, that through the Holy Spirit,

your word may inspire and direct them.

In the life of our land

Your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.

Oil for anointing

Holy God, we rejoice that in every generation people hear your call to commitment and faithfulness.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen,

Giving thanks for her selfless dedication throughout her reign,

may she be blessed and strengthened;

for members of the Commonwealth with whom we share this Jubilee,

may we grow in understanding and respect;

for those who bring healing and health to the sick and the suffering,

for those who care for prisoners and refugees,

that, through those who hear your call,

your healing hand may be laid on the nations.

In the life of our land

Your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.

Towel and bowl for service

Loving God, we remember with gratitude

that Jesus cared so much that he washed his disciples feet.

We pray for those who seek to be Christ's loving presence in the world,

for those who mourn the loss of loved ones,

for those who are sick.

for those who are anxious or disillusioned,

for those whose needs we know,

and those whose needs are known by you alone,

that through your grace,

your transforming power will bring hope and confidence.

In the life of our land

Your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.

Living in community

Generous God,

we recognise the joys and challenges of living alongside each other.

We pray for all in positions of authority

and influence in our community,

For those who work in hospitals and schools,

and in the emergency services,

for those who face suspicion and criticism

when difficult decisions need to be made,

for those among us who are homeless, refugee,

stranger or asylum seeker,

that through us, your people,

the love of Christ may be shown in our community.

In the life of our land

Your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.

The prayers may include any of the following:

Heavenly Father,

as we celebrate the platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen,

receive our heartfelt thanks

for all that you have given her in these seventy years

and for all that she has given to her people.

We give you thanks especially

for her commitment to peace and reconciliation on this island,

Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her,

and as you gather us together in celebration,

unite us also in love and service to one another;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;
we give you thanks and praise
that you have blessed this Nation,
the Realms and Territories with Elizabeth
our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you,
her Lord and God and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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and those of the Commonwealth, now and all the days of her life;

O Lord and heavenly Father, who exalts the humble and strengthens your people, and who consecrated kings, priests and prophets by anointing them with the oil of gladness: bless Elizabeth our Queen.

Strengthen her with the Spirit of wisdom and government, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and continue to fill her, O Lord, with your holy fear, now and for ever;

O Lord, our heavenly Father,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all dwellers upon earth:

Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way:

Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live;

strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity;

Almighty God,
the fountain of all goodness,
we humbly beseech thee to behold thy servant, Queen Elizabeth.
Endue her with thy Holy Spirit;
enrich her with thy heavenly grace;
prosper her with all happiness;
and bring her to thine everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF DEDICATION

As we come to the end of this thanksgiving service in this time of Jubilee, let us dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God, our nation and our world.

Lord of our lives and God of our salvation, grant that we may live by your word, remember with thanksgiving
Her Majesty's example of dedication and service, and commit ourselves afresh to serve our local community, nation and world for the building up of your kingdom; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

BLESSING

May God crown you with glory and righteousness, that you may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom by the gift of him whose kingdom endures forever; and the blessing...

or

God, who in days of old gave to this land the benediction of his holy Church, fill you with his grace to follow the faithful example of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and to bring forth fruit to his glory: and the blessing...

DISMISSAL

We leave with the joy of Christ in our hearts. Help us, Lord, to share your joy.

We leave with the peace of God in our hearts. Help us, Lord, to share your peace.

We leave with the strength of the Spirit in our hearts. Help us, Lord, to share your peace.

Propers for use in a service of Holy Communion Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee

PREFACE

And now we give you thanks that you have anointed your servant, Elizabeth as our Queen. In her, by your grace, the gospel has grown and flourished as she has served you in building up your church:

or

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the Prince of Peace and at whose name every knee shall bow:

Post Communion

Sovereign Lord, in this Holy Sacrament your majesty is revealed in the substance of the gifts of bread and wine.

Grant that we, with Elizabeth our Queen and all your faithful people, may find in things earthly a foretaste of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Eternal God,
You have raised our humanity in Christ
and feed us with the bread of heaven.
Mercifully grant that,
nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
where he now lives and reigns for ever. Amen.