



St Edmund's Church Shipston on Stour

CIVIC SERVICE MARKING THE DEATH OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**All are welcome here - if you need a large print copy, please ask.
Rubrics are for guidance only - please feel free to sit, stand or
kneel at any point in the service as is best for you.
There is a hearing loop in this church.**

As the ministers enter, the congregation stands to sing

Hymn 623 Praise my soul the King of heaven

Introductory Words (remain standing)

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me, though they die, shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11.25,26

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

Romans 8:38,39

In the name of Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father,
grace, mercy and peace be with you.

All and also with you.

We meet this day to remember before God our late Sovereign
Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, to renew our trust and confidence in
Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through
whom we offer our prayers and praises to the God.

Then the minister says

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life,
we praise you that we are made in your image
and reflect your truth and light.
We thank you for the life
of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth,
for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above
all, we rejoice at your gracious promise
to all your servants, living and departed,
that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ.
And we ask that in due time
we may share with your servant Elizabeth
that clearer vision promised to us
in the same Christ our Lord;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

All Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (sit)

read by Marianne Westwood, Mayor of Shipston on Stour

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Hymn 723 The Lord's my shepherd (we stand)

New Testament Reading: Revelation 21.1-7 (sit)

read by Cllr Jo Barker, Shipston County Councillor and District Councillor

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Revd Sarah Edmonds Maguire, Rector of St Edmund's

Hymn 63 - Be still my soul (we stand)

Prayers (sit or kneel)

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

As we mourn the death of Elizabeth our Queen,
let us give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus
and for all whose devotion to him
has sustained the life of our Church and nation:
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,
and all the Royal Family;
for the ministers of the Crown
and all who bear the privilege and burden of government:
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For all people touched by Queen Elizabeth's devotion to public service:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For our own lives,
giving thanks for all those who have gone before,
and asking that we might go forward with confidence and hope:
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

All **Amen.**

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Commendation *(please stand)*

led by the Rector

Into your hands, O Father and Lord,
we commend your servant,
our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH.
Enlighten her with your holy
grace and suffer her never to be separated from you,
O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

May God in his mercy grant us,
with all the faithful departed, rest and peace.

All **Amen.**

Hymn 547 O God our help in ages past

Concluding Prayer *(remain standing)*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord King Charles III,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity,
righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and
people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bring us, O Lord God,
at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that 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 majesty and glory, world without end.
Amen.

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

The 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 give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

The congregation remains standing until the ministers have left

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