St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Choral Evensong

in thanksgiving for the life of Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday, 25th September 2022 at 5.00pm



Officiant:
The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan
The Dean

Preacher:
The Very Revd Franklin Lee
Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral

Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the notice boards and the website (www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk).

Before the service, Jonathan Yip, the Cathedral Organist, shall play:

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

II. Adagio *from Organ Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn

Chorale Prelude on 'Eventide'

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

The Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Felix Yeung, Director of Music, shall sing:

Song for Athene (John Tavener)

Alleluia. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.
Alleluia. Remember me, O Lord, when you come into your kingdom.
Alleluia. Give rest, O Lord, to your handmaid who has fallen asleep.
Alleluia. The Choir of Saints have found the well-spring of life and door of paradise.
Alleluia. Life: a shadow and a dream.
Alleluia. Weeping at the grave creates the song:
Alleluia. Come, enjoy rewards and crowns I have prepared for you.

Words: Mother Thekla 1918-201

After the bells have rung, the Dean welcomes the congregation.
All STAND to sing the Processional Hymn, during which the ministers process in.

Processional Hymn (NEH 334)

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

(Choir only)

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

(organ interlude)

5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH Genevan Psalter 1551
the fourth line fitted to English version 1561-63
arr. Ralph Vaughan William 1872-1958
Words: William Kethe d 1594

Sentences

The Dean shall read with a loud voice these Sentences of the Scripture:

'I am the resurrection and the life', saith the Lord, 'he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' *John 11. 25-26*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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*

The Responses

by William Byrd

O Lord, open ✠ thou our lips;
Choir *and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

O God, ✠ make speed to save us:
Choir *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Choir *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.
Praise ye the Lord.

All SIT.

Psalm

Ps. 84 (Coverdale)

1. O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou LORD of hosts!
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.
5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.
6. Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.
7. They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.
9. Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
10. For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.
11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12. For the LORD God is a light and defence: the LORD will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
13. O LORD God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.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.

Anglican chant: Edward Bairstow 1874-1946

Mr Brian Davidson CMG, the Consul General of the United Kingdom to Hong Kong and Macao, shall read:

The First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3. 1-15 (RSV)

The First Lesson is written in the third chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes, beginning at the first verse.

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 cast 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 cast away;
a time to rend, 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.
What gain has the worker from his toil?

I have seen the business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time; also he has put eternity into man's mind, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; also that it is God's gift to man that every one should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has made it so, in order that men should fear before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

All REMAIN SEATED as the Choir sings:

Magnificat

Gloucester Service (Herbert Howells)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
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 Revd John Chynchen MBE, Archbishop's Chaplain for International Ministry, shall read:

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21. 1-7 (RSV)

The Second Lesson is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Book of Revelation, beginning at the first verse.

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, 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, 'Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'

And he who sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' And 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 from the fountain of the water of life without payment. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.'

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

All REMAIN SEATED as the Choir sings:

Nunc Dimittis

Gloucester Service (Herbert Howells)

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

All STAND.

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God the Father Almighty,**
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

The Lesser Litany

by William Byrd

The Lord be with you.

Choir *And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray. *(All SIT.)*

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

Our Father,

Choir *which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.*

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir *And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save our leaders.

Choir *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

O Lord, save thy people.

Choir *And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

The Collect for the Day

O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind, grant us, with thy servant Queen Elizabeth and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Choir *Amen.*

The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir *Amen.*

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Choir *Amen.*

All REMAIN SEATED as the Choir sings:

Anthem

Faire is the heaven (William Harris)

Faire is the heaven, where happy soules have place
In full enjoyment of felicitie,
Whence they doe still behold the glorious face
Of the Divine Eternall Majestie;
Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins,
Which all with golden wings are overdight,
And those eternall burning Seraphins,
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;
Yet fairer than they both, and much more bright,
Be th' Angels and Archangels, which attend
On God's owne Person, without rest or end.
These then in faire each other farre excelling,
As to the Highest they approach more neare,
Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling,
Fairer than all the rest which there appear,
Though all their beauties joynd together were;
How then can mortall tongue hope to expresse
The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

Words: Edmund Spenser 1552-99

All REMAIN SEATED.

Prayers of Intercession

The Revd Will Newman, Cathedral Chaplain & Priest-in-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, says:

A Prayer from the Church in Wales

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls:
you uphold us in life and sustain us in death:
to you be glory and praise forever!
For the darkness of this age is passing away
as Christ, the bright and morning star,
brings to his saints the light of life.
As you give light to those in darkness,
who walk in the shadow of death,
so remember in your kingdom your faithful servant, Elizabeth,
that death may be for her the gate to life
and to unending fellowship with you;
where with your saints you live and reign,
one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Revd Catherine Graham, Honorary Associate Priest of St Augustine's Chapel, says:

A Prayer from the Scottish Episcopal Church

Almighty and eternal God,
you uphold and govern all things
and by your grace alone kings and queens do reign.
We thank you for all the blessings
which you have bestowed upon us
through the late Queen Elizabeth,
whom you have called from this life.
We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance
and her love of peace, for the care and devotion
with which she served her people,
for the example of her gracious life.
We pray that you would fill our hearts with gratitude
for all these good things,
and give us grace that we may use the memory of them
as a perpetual call to live according to your will,
for the good of all the world, and the glory of your great name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Revd Darren Pollock, Associate Minister of St Andrew's Church, says:

A Prayer from the Church of Ireland
God of all consolation,
as we give you thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth,
and bring to you our sadness and sorrow;
so too we lift before you all the members of the Royal Family.
May they find great comfort in the promise
of the new heaven and the new earth,
wherein pain and suffering,
grieving and sorrow will be no more
and you will wipe away every tear.
Surround them with your love,
remind them of your presence,
and encourage them in the sure and certain hope
that belongs to all who trust in your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Revd Ross Royden, Vicar of Christ Church, says:

A Prayer from the Church of England
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 your glory and dominion,
world without end.

All **Amen.**

All STAND to sing

Hymn (AM 579)

1. I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

2. And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Tune: THAXTED from The Planets *by Gustav Holst 1874-1934*
Words: Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice 1859-1918

All SIT as The Very Revd Franklin Lee, Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, preaches

Sermon

All STAND to sing

Hymn (NEH 408i)

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Tune: BLAENWERN William Rowlands 1860-1937
descant by Christopher Robinson b.1936
Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88

All REMAIN STANDING.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

The Rt Revd Timothy Kwok, Bishop of Eastern Kowloon, says:

As we mourn the death of your servant Elizabeth,
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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

For your servant Elizabeth,
and for all who bear the privilege and burden of government:
Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Rt Revd Matthias Der, Bishop of Hong Kong Island, says:

For all people touched by the devotion of your servant Elizabeth
to public service and her Christian faith:
Let us bless the Lord.

All **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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

O God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us
all the days of our lives,
that we may ever trust in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

All REMAIN STANDING to sing

Hymn (NEH 333)

1. All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

2. Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

(Choir only)

4. Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

5. Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Tune: MICHAEL Herbert Howells 1892-1983
vv. 4 & 5 arranged by John Rutter b.1945
Words: Robert Bridges 1844-1930, based on the German of J. Neander 1650-80

The Pipers shall play

A Lament

Flowers of the Forest

The Blessing

The Archbishop gives the blessing:

The Lord be with you
All **and with thy spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord
All **now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **who hath made heaven and earth.**

Go forth into the world in peace;
Be of good courage, hold fast that which is good,
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all people,
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

The Ministers and people depart.

Organ Voluntary

Crown Imperial (William Walton)

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