

THE DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The death of her Majesty the Queen brings the longest reign of a sovereign and its accompanying era to a sudden, if not unexpected end. Our prayers are with the Royal Family at this time of loss, tinged as it is with the instantaneous recognition of the accession of a new King, in a nation that has not experienced such an historic moment since February 1952. A significant proportion of the population of the Commonwealth will not remember that year. This marking of a death of a British monarch is not only historic but international. Changes may come, but at this time we look back, we mourn, we pray for the bereaved, and perhaps most of all, we give thanks. We give thanks for Queen Elizabeth II's life and service and we celebrate the Christian faith which underpinned her thoughts and actions.

Her life began as the daughter of the brother to the heir to the throne, and with the British people she endured bombing raids during the Second World War, before losing her father at a relatively young age, not being at his side when he died. As the end of her life approached and she lost her beloved husband Prince Philip, she lived through the Coronavirus Pandemic speaking to the nation with words of encouragement at Easter 2020. The following Christmas she said to a nation deprived of 'normal' gatherings: "The teachings of Christ have served as my inner light, as has the sense of purpose we can find in coming together to worship."

At this time, coming together to worship is something that many will wish to do. From Cathedrals to village churches and school halls, communities will want to mark this historical moment and there are resources with which to do so. Here we offer a selection and some suggestions. Some will want to organise a Requiem Mass service or Solemn Evensong, others a simple Service of the Word in another form. Official mourning will last twelve days until after the funeral on the tenth day, and there will be a two minutes' silence at 11am that day. Parishes and communities may wish to hold a service on the nearest Sunday, or at any point in that period. Some official prayers and content will be released and church leaders will want to keep an eye on what is forthcoming from their denomination and, where appropriate, even be in touch with their local cathedral as to what will be happening there. The BBC will undoubtedly be broadcasting and many churches will livestream. Attendance at some large scale regional services may be restricted or limited. For local use there is no 'one size fits all' and so in most communities a blend of what is practical and feels right with some of the official material is likely the best way forward at what will inevitably be short notice.

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HYMNS AND SONGS

	AM	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	HON	HTC	L	MP	NEH	R&S	SOF	STF	TS
Abide with me	10	13	9	580	10	2	425	907	4	331	336	2	141	2
All my hope on God is founded	584	336	21	192	368	19	451	959	16	333	586		455	620
As pants the hart / longs the deer	591	226		32	379	44		450		337	689			
Fight the good fight	631	220	171	517	423	169	526	860	143	359	496	107	634	
Give thanks for life				736										
Guide me, O thou great redeemer	652	214	233	167	455	252	528	960	201	368	345	148	465	708
I know that my Redeemer lives			875	423		311	169	440-1	278		278		303	
Immortal, invisible	676	199	301	132	474	314	21	725	327	377	67	234	55	220
In paradisum deducant								442						
It is God who holds the nations				705									705	
Love divine, all loves excelling	721	131	398	519	516	428	217	801	449	408	663	377	503	343
May God the Father look on you with love			894					445						
May the choirs of angels			485					443						
Most ancient of all mysteries			492							147				
O God, our help in ages past	746	99	528	161	537	494	37	955	498	417	705	415	132	905
Out of the depths								452					433	
Requiem aeternam								438						
The king of love my shepherd is	794	126	699	462	589	649	44	804	649	457	552	533	479	984
The strife is o'er	217	78		412	159	667	163	275	670	119	250			
There is a higher throne	802											1116	1541	337
There is a time to live													2055	

ANTHEMS AND VOCAL MUSIC

Title	Composer	Voices	E/M/D	Book source	Single sheet publisher
UNISON / TWO PART / HIGH VOICES					
Brother James' Air (The Lord's my shepherd)	Bain arr Archer	U + descant	E	BC, AGA	
I will lift up mine eyes	Mawby	U	M	EAC2	
Nunc dimittis	Burgon	S (+ trumpet)	M		Chester
O rest in the Lord (Elijah)	Mendelssohn	U	E/M		Novello
The souls of the righteous	Nares	SS	M	AC2, AGA	
THREE/FOUR PARTS					
And I saw a new heaven	Archer	SATB	M	NOEAB	
And I saw a new heaven	Bainton	SATB	M/D	FSB4	Novello
Bring us, O Lord God	Hayward	SATB unacc	M/D		Chichester
Burial sentences	Croft	SATB unacc	E/M		CMS
Crossing the Bar	Arbo	SATB unacc	E	MOV1	
Crossing the Bar	Parry	SATB unacc	E		Cathedral Music
Eternal rest	Whitbourn	SATB	M	JWCC	
God be in my head	Walford Davies	SATB unacc	E	NOEAB, NSAC2	OUP
God be in my head	Wilby	SATB	E	NOEAB, TKC	Chester
Holy is the true light	Harris	SATB unacc	M	NCAB, FSB7, NSAC2	RSCM
How lovely are thy dwellings	Brahms	SATB	M	SCH	RSCM
I am the resurrection and the life	Morley	SATB unacc	E	COW	Novello
I heard a voice from heaven	Stanford	SATB + SSSS soli	M	ECM1	
I know that my redeemer liveth	Morley	SATB unacc	E	COW	
I will lift up mine eyes	Barry Rose	SATB unacc	E/M	MTP	Cathedral
In everlasting memory	Mawby	SATB + low Irish whistle	M		Encore
In the midst of life	Morley	SATB unacc	E	COW	
Iustum animae	Stanford	SATB unacc	M	ECM1, ASA,	B&H
The Call of Wisdom	Todd	SATB or SSA	M	WSW	OUP
The God of love (Elegy)	Thalben-Ball arr Seivewright	SATB	M		Banks
The Lord is my shepherd	Rutter	SATB	M		OUP
The Loving memory	McDowall	SATB	M		OUP
The Quest	Rutter	SATB + Oboe	M		OUP
The souls of the righteous	Bednall	SATB unacc	M	ANH	Faber
They are at rest	Elgar	SATB unacc	M	NNAB, ECM1	Novello
Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts	Purcell	SATB unacc	E	NSAC1, APA	Novello
Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts	Park	SAMen	E	RASM	
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God	McKie	SATB + solo T	M	AC4, NSAC2	OUP
FIVE OR MORE PARTS					
Beati quorum via	Stanford	SSATBB unacc	M	ASA, WFC, ECM	RSCM
Bring us, O Lord God	Harris	SATB + SATB unacc	D		Novello
English Requiem	Halls	SSAATTBB	M/D		RSCM
Faire is the heaven	Harris	SATB + SATB unacc	D	AC4, ECM1	Ascherberg
Hear my prayer	Purcell	SSAATTBB unacc	M	NSAC2, ECM1	Novello
Iustum animae	Byrd	SSATB unacc	M	OBTA, ECM1	
Lord, let me know mine end	Greene	SSATB	M	ECM1	OUP
Lux aeterna	Elgar arr Cameron	SSAATTBB unacc	M/D		Novello
Pie Jesu	Boulanger	SATB + S solo	M	SCH	
Song for Athene	Tavener	SSAATTBB unacc	M/D		Chester
Songs of Farewell	Parry	SSAATTBB	M/D		Cramer
The souls of the righteous	Vaughan Williams	SSSATB	M		OUP