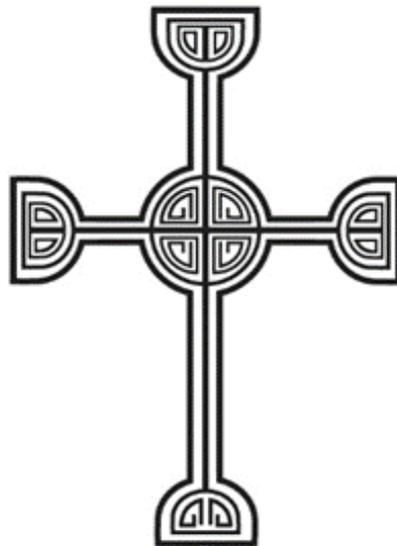


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*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
A Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection*

*The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Down  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
7.30pm*



*As the congregation gathers, Harpist Isobel Kelly, a former Down High School Pupil, plays.*

*From approximately ten minutes before the start of the service, Organist and Choirmaster Michael McCracken, plays.*

*All stand as the clergy enter. The Revd John Auchmuty, Canon Chancellor (representing the Dean and Chapter) greets Mr Gawn Rowan Hamilton, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Down and escorts him to his pew.*

*All sing*

### *THE HYMN*

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. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray our trust;  
what with care and toil is builded,  
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.

4. Daily doth the 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 earth 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.

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930) altd.  
Based on Joachim Neander (1650-80)*

*The Right Revd David McClay, Bishop of Down and Dromore, says*

### *WORDS OF WELCOME*

*The Canon Chancellor says*

*THE BIDDING*

We meet to remember before God Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, to give thanks for her long and devoted life of service to God, to this nation, to the members of the Commonwealth and to the world; to pray for His Majesty, King Charles, and the members of the Royal Family; 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 Father.

*All observe*

*ONE MINUTE SILENCE*

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us, renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from dead, strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit or kneel.*

*The Revd Adrian Dorrian, Minor Canon, introduces*

*THE PENITENCE*

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father:

*All say:*

**O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take away our guilt,  
and to forgive all our wrongdoing,  
so that our lips are cleansed to speak your word,  
and our lives filled with your grace and your truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop says:*

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's grace and truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Choir sings*

*THE PSALM*

1. Fret not because of | evil|doers; ♦  
be not | jealous of | those · who do | wrong.
2. For they shall soon | wither like | grass ♦  
and like the green | herb | fade a|way.
3. Trust in the Lord and be | doing | good; ♦  
dwell in the land | and be | nourished with | truth.
4. Let your delight be | in the | Lord ♦  
and he will | give you your | heart's de|sire.
5. Commit your way to the Lord and | put your | trust in him, ♦  
and | he will | bring it to | pass.
6. He will make your righteousness as | clear as the | light ♦  
and your just | dealing | as the | noonday.
7. Be still before the | Lord and | wait for him; ♦  
do not fret over those that prosper  
as they | follow their | evil | schemes.

*Psalms 37:1-7*

*All sit.*

*The Very Reverend Geoff Wilson, Dean of Dromore, reads 1 SAMUEL 16:5-13*

And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then

Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*INTERVIEW*

*with Mrs Margaret Saunders.*

*All stand to sing*

*THE HYMN*

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,  
where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy:

Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Sebastian Temple (1928-97)  
based on The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi*

*All sit.*

*Rachel Norris reads 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come

to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings*

*THE ANTHEM*

*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.*

*Nunc Dimittis in B Minor by T Tertius Noble*

*All stand as His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down reads*

*THE GOSPEL*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint John chapter 13 beginning at verse 12.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit for*

*THE SERMON*

*by  
The Bishop*

*All stand.*

*Samuel Gill, Hollymount Pipe Band, plays*

*A PIPER'S LAMENT*

*The Bishop announces*

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

In her Christmas broadcast in the year two thousand, Her Majesty the Queen said:  
'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life...I believe that the Christian message...remains profoundly important to us all.'

Let us affirm together the faith professed by Her Late Majesty, the faith of the Church and faith of all Christian people:

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All sit.*

*The Revd Sabrina Cooke, Curate-Assistant introduces*

*THE PRAYERS*

As we mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth,  
let us bring our thanksgivings to the God in whom we trust:

For the Lord Jesus Christ; for his gift of salvation and for all those who trust in him:  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Reverend Owen Patterson, Downpatrick Presbyterian Church, says*

For every remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II,  
her long life of devotion to Christ and service to this and other nations.  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For His Majesty, King Charles, and the Royal Family;  
for ministers of state and all who are charged with the government of our land:  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Reverend Rosalind Taggart,  
Downpatrick Non-subscribing Presbyterian Church, says*

For the healing power of the risen Christ to comfort those whose grief and  
loss is raw and real in these days of national mourning.  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For those who have been blessed by Queen Elizabeth's devotion to her people,  
and those inspired by her witness to Christ:  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Canon Bro Eric OSB, Holy Cross Abbey and Ecumenical Canon, says*

For the blessings we know in our own lives,  
for the example of those who have died in the faith of Christ  
and for the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life:  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Sionán Mullan, a member of the Cathedral Choir, sings*

*A CLARE BENEDICTION*

*Composer: J. Rutter*

*The Minor Canon says*

God of all consolation, as we give you thanks for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and bring to you our sadness and sorrow; so too we lift before you all the members of the Royal Family. Be with them, O Lord, as they grieve not only for their Queen, but for their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. 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, make real to them your presence, and encourage them in the sure and certain hope that belongs to all who trust in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught 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.**

*All stand to sing*

*THE HYMN*

1. Hail, thou once-despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean king!  
Thou didst suffer to release us,  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Saviour,  
bearer of our sin and shame;  
by thy merits we find favour;  
life is given through thy name!

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid;  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
we are reconciled with God.

3. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide!  
All the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading,  
there thou dost our place prepare,  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.

4. Worship, honour, power and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
loudest praises, without ceasing,  
meet it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
help to sing our Saviour's merits,  
help us chant Emmanuel's praise.

*John Bakewell (1721-1819) and others*

*The Bishop leads as all say*

*THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us  
and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness  
and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory for ever and ever. 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 ever give us cause to sing with heart and voice 'God save the King'.
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*The Bishop pronounces the*

*BLESSING*

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 faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all people: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love and pray for, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

*All sing*

*THE HYMN*

All hail the power of Jesu's name,  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol him in whose path ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,  
we at his feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet (1726-92) and John Rippon (1751-1836)*

*All remain standing as the Lord-Lieutenant is escorted from the Cathedral by the Canon Chancellor, followed by the procession of Clergy and Chapter members.*

*ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

*Crown Imperial by William Walton  
Written for the Coronation of King George VI*