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 **ST LAURENCE CHURCH**
All Age Family
Communion
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Celebration and Thanksgiving
Service for the Platinum Jubilee
of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II

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As we gather and prepare to join in worship together, music is played on the organ.

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been

uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953

Hymn

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Please sit:

Greeting and welcome

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to our Service today. We have come together in the presence of God our Father to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world. In this service we hear and receive the story and message of the love of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

We gather to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

We pray that we may be mirrors of the light of Christ in the world; for those who do not know the light of Christ in their lives; for those who bear responsibility in our world for government, education, commerce, and communication; for all children and for young people who lack the basic necessities of food, shelter, and clothing; for those who are in special need, the sick and anxious, the lonely and fearful, and for those who are bereaved.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Joshua 1:1-9 read by Peter Wylie

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates all the Hittite country to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine, and
visit it with thine own ardour
glowing;**

**O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear, and kindle
it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn to dust
and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of
human telling; for none can guess
its grace,
till Love create a place wherein
the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

Gospel

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Holy Gospel is written in the
Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22
beginning at the 24th verse
Glory to you O Lord

A dispute also arose among them as
to which of them was considered to
be greatest. Jesus said to them,
“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over
them; and those who exercise
authority over them call themselves

Benefactors. But you are not to be
like that. Instead, the greatest
among you should be like the
youngest, and the one who rules like
the one who serves. For who is
greater, the one who is at the table
or the one who serves? Is it not the
one who is at the table? But I am
among you as one who serves. You
are those who have stood by me in
my trials. And I confer on you a
kingdom, just as my Father
conferred one on me, so that you
may eat and drink at my table in my
kingdom and sit on thrones, judging
the twelve tribes of Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ

Reflection: Given by Dame Mary
Tanner D.B.E

Creed

**Father we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You**

**Jesus we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You**

**Spirit we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You**

Prayers led by Anne Wheelhouse

O God, Eternal Sovereign of all
people, whose risen Son has
ascended in majesty and has
established his reign of justice and
truth, mercy and compassion:

we give you joyful thanks for the faithful service of Elizabeth our Queen in constancy and love.

Grant her your abundant blessings that she may govern your people in the name of our glorious Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all praise and honour, now and for ever.

Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

King of glory,
whose ascended Son carries the wounds of his suffering into heaven's bright sanctuary and for ever intercedes for our world in your radiant presence:

we give thanks for the dedicated witness of your servant, Elizabeth our Queen in times of joy and in seasons of affliction. In your unfailing mercy, strengthen and uphold her

that she may diligently honour your gracious purposes and inspire your people to work together for the coming of your kingdom.

We ask this through your Son, our King and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all praise and dominion, now, and for ever.

Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Abundant God,
source of all blessings,
whose Son promised his disciples the gift of the Spirit of truth to abide with his Church: we thank you for the

work of your Spirit in the dedicated service offered by Elizabeth our Queen. Empower her from on high to be a witness to your reign of justice and mercy through our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all praise and honour, now and for ever.

Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Father,
in Christ you have granted your people every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places and have anointed us with your Holy Spirit to bear fruit in love and joy and peace.

We give you thanks for the strengthening power of your Spirit seen in the dedicated service of Elizabeth our Queen. Grant that the same Spirit may inspire us to proclaim the faith which she cherishes, to look with her in hope for the outworking of your gracious purposes and to serve your people in love.

This we ask in the name of your beloved Son who was anointed to proclaim the year of your favour and who now lives and reigns in glory for ever.

Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Loving Father,
as we pray for Elizabeth our Queen, we thank you for her service to the people of this country and the Commonwealth

May we ever work together for peace, justice and tolerance and may our Land always be a place of welcome and acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the Commonwealth Nations as the Queen's Baton travels around the Commonwealth.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom.

Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died:
Those recently departed:

And all those whose years' mind occur this month:

Emily Arnold, Leila Philips, Colin Patterson, Marguerite Dunlop, Sheila Davis, Patsy Horner, Sandy Jones, Leslie Parsons, Norman French, Peter Maugham, Scarlett Reader, Ronald Poole, Ray Phillips, David William Potter, Lewis Waghorn

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We Share God's Peace

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom.
(Repeat)**

Hymn

A collection will be taken during the singing of this hymn

**Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;**

**for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

The Eucharistic Prayer.

Please sit/kneel

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God

**It is right to give him thanks and
praise**

**Why do we give thanks and praise
at this table?**

We give thanks for all that God has
done for us.

God the Father created the heavens,
the earth and everything in them;
and created us in his own image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human like
us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us
together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to
worship this God who loves

We sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in
the highest.**

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before
Jesus our Saviour suffered and died,
he gave us this holy meal to share
and told us to continue it until he
comes again.

**Why do we eat bread together at
this table?**

On the night before he died, Jesus
took bread. After giving thanks, he
broke it, and gave it to his disciples
saying, "Take, eat. This is my body,
given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me."

**Why do we drink from the cup
together at this table?**

In the same way after supper Jesus
took the cup, saying. "This cup is
God's new covenant sealed with my
blood, poured out for you for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this in
remembrance of me"

**What do we remember at this
table?**

We remember the Father's gracious
love for us, Christ's death and
resurrection for us, and the Spirit's
tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We sing:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We Share In Holy Communion and Bread of Friendship.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body

We sing together

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed

are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

A Prayer for those joining us on Zoom who are making their Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above `all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;

I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.

Born of thy love, thy child may I be,

thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.

Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,

thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.

Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;

thou mine inheritance, now and always.

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,

Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

"True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won

may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer after communion

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away our hatred and prejudice and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that, as there is but one body, one Spirit and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and

Father of us all, so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading of Banns of Marriage Notices

Blessing

Let us put our hands into the hand of God and go out with joy
Awakened to the treasure within and around us,

To bring transformation, challenge and hope to the world.

And may the abundant blessings of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Be with you today and always.

Amen.

Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,

speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:

Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure,
wealth and care:
for young and old, for
commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to
hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world when we
disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and
comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that
Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power
remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon
the throne,
past put behind us, for the future
take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.**

**The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

**Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.**

**May the divine assistance remain
with us always.
And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in
peace.

And rise in glory. Amen

*The Vicar introduces the Act of
Dedication:*

As we give thanks for Her Majesty's
service to us all, let us dedicate our
own lives once again to the love and
service of God and neighbour:

**All Lord of our lives and Father of
all, grant that our thanksgiving
may prove itself in service
to you and to our Queen, our
country and one another,
for your Name's sake.
Amen.**

The Vicar says

God grant to the living, grace; to the
departed, rest; to the Church, the
Queen, the Commonwealth, and all
humankind, peace and concord; and
to us and all his servants, life
everlasting;

Amen.

The National Anthem is sung:

**God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,**

**Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,**

Please sit for the Organ Voluntary

The Congregation then goes to the place in the churchyard for the planting of the tree to remember and give thanks for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

(The tree to be planted is a Crataegus Laevigata, known as:

*Midland Hawthorn,
English Hawthorn,
Woodland Hawthorn,
Mayflower.*

It is a species of hawthorn native to western and central Europe, from Great Britain (where it is typically found in ancient woodland and old hedgerows)

A prayer as the tree is planted

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55.12

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise. As we plant this tree to remind us of our Queen's long and loyal service, fill our hearts with the joy of the salvation which your Son Jesus Christ won for us on the

cross, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Please come back to the Church as we all join in sharing in a toast in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen.

When we have returned to the Church the following Grace is said

Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts, your Son taught us that in the Kingdom of God people would come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at table together. As we give thanks for the many years and long reign of our Queen, we ask you to bless our food, our neighbourhood, and our enjoyment of each other's company.

We make our prayer through the same Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.