

# The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burton Bradstock

## Outdoor Service of thanksgiving

### for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

*Please bring a folding chair and appropriate clothing for the outdoor service.  
If you are able to download the order of service to a mobile phone or tablet it would be much appreciated.*

#### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

We gather together to worship God and in thanksgiving for the seventy years of faithful service of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth. We give thanks for her example of faithfulness to God and to her people, and pray God's blessing on her that she may continue to fulfil the promises she has made with generosity and joy.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: Let your ways be known upon earth,

All: **your saving power among the nations.**

#### **Hymn: Praise my soul the King of Heaven (one of the Queen's favourite hymns)**

Praise my soul the King of heaven  
To His feet your tribute bring  
Ransomed healed restored forgiven  
Who like me His praise should sing  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise the everlasting King

2. Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress  
Praise Him still the same for ever  
Slow to anger swift to bless  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Glorious in His faithfulness

3. Father-like He tends and spares us  
Well our human frame He knows  
In His hands He gently bears us  
Rescues us from all our foes  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Widely as His mercy flows

4. Angels help us to adore Him  
You behold Him face to face  
Sun and moon bow down before Him  
All who dwell in time and space  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise Him praise Him  
Praise with us the God of grace

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#### **The Queen in her own words**

If we all go forward together with an unwavering faith, a high courage, and a quiet heart, we shall be able to make of this ancient commonwealth, which we all love so dearly, an even grander thing - more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world - than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers. To accomplish that we must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves. There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors - a noble motto, "I serve". Those words were an inspiration to many bygone heirs to the Throne when they made their knightly dedication as they came to manhood. I cannot do quite as they did. But through the inventions of science I can do what was not possible for any of them. I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening. I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your

service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

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.

*(An extract from Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday radio broadcast, 21 April 1947, from Cape Town, as the Princess dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth.)*

**Prayer:** Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Reading:** Acts 2: 1-8 *The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost*

**Sermon:**

**Hymn:** *O Jesus I have promised*

O Jesus I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end  
Be Thou forever near me  
My Master and my friend  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my Guide

2. O let me feel thee near me  
The world is ever near  
I see the sights that dazzle  
The tempting sounds I hear  
My foes are ever near me  
Around me and within  
But Jesus draw Thou nearer  
And shield my soul from sin

3. O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still  
Above the storms of passion  
The murmurs of self will  
O speak to reassure me

To hasten or control  
O speak and make me listen  
Thou guardian of my soul

4. O Jesus Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be  
And Jesus I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end  
O give me grace to follow  
My Master and my friend

5. O let me see Thy footmarks  
And in them plant mine own  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone  
O guide me call me draw me  
Uphold me to the end  
And then in heaven receive me  
My Saviour and my friend

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***The Queen in her own words***

When people face a challenge they sometimes talk about taking a deep breath to find courage or strength. In fact, the word 'inspire' literally means 'to breathe in'. But even with the inspiration of others, it's understandable that we sometimes think the world's problems are so big that we can do little to help. On our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine.

At Christmas, our attention is drawn to the birth of a baby some two thousand years ago. It was the humblest of beginnings, and his parents, Joseph and Mary, did not think they were important. Jesus Christ lived obscurely for most of his life, and never travelled far. He was maligned and rejected by many, though he had done no wrong. And yet, billions of people now follow his teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives. I am one of them because Christ's example

helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they themselves believe.

The message of Christmas reminds us that inspiration is a gift to be given as well as received, and that love begins small but always grows. *(An extract from the Queen's Christmas Message, 2016)*

### ***Act of commitment***

Leader: 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 for our Queen may prove itself in service to our country and one another, for your name's sake. Amen**

### ***Hymn: Lord for the Years***

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

2. 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

3. 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

4. Lord for our world  
when we disown and doubt you  
Loveless in strength and comfortless in pain  
Hungry and helpless lost indeed without you  
Lord of the world we pray that Christ may reign

5. 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

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### ***The Queen in her own words***

6th February, marks the 70th anniversary of my Accession in 1952. It is a day that, even after 70 years, I still remember as much for the death of my father, King George VI, as for the start of my reign. As we mark this anniversary, it gives me pleasure to renew to you the pledge I gave in 1947 that my life will always be devoted to your service.

As I look ahead with a sense of hope and optimism to the year of my Platinum Jubilee, I am reminded of how much we can be thankful for. These last seven decades have seen extraordinary progress socially, technologically and culturally that have benefitted us all; and I am confident that the future will offer similar opportunities to us and especially to the younger generations in the United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth.

And so as I look forward to continuing to serve you with all my heart, I hope this Jubilee will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities – after some difficult times for so many of us – in order to enjoy the celebrations and to reflect on the positive developments in our day-to-day lives that have so happily coincided with my reign.

*(An extract from The Queen's Accession Day message, 5 February 2022)*

### ***Prayers:***

O God, you provide for your people by your power, and rule over them in love: receive the gratitude which we offer this day for your servant Elizabeth our Queen. Send your blessing upon her work, that under her we may be wisely governed, and all people may serve you in faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

O God, bless all members of the Commonwealth of nations, bound together under one Queen. Help us always to remember our great responsibilities and keep in the forefront of our minds the example of Jesus our King: the ultimate example of integrity, justice, faith, courage, duty, self-sacrifice, and generosity that we may see our world transformed into your Kingdom, for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer** King of the Universe, creator of this beautiful earth. As we thank God for our Queen's care for our natural world, we consider our part in that care. Make us aware of our impact on your creation and equip us to be careful and loving stewards of it, for the sake of all your creatures and for your glory. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer** King of kings and Lord of lords, fill the hearts of all in authority with the love of your laws, and with all that is righteous and life-giving, that, together with them, we may be wise and worthy stewards of your gifts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

#### ***Hymn: Guide me O thou great redeemer***

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more  
Feed me now and ever more

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee

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### ***Act of Celebration***

There is celebration in heaven over each and every one of those who turns toward God and away from evil, opening their hearts to the healing power of God's love, and committing to God's service. We celebrate today the faithful service of Queen Elizabeth, as a sign of this joy.

### ***The National Anthem***

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

2. 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  
God save the Queen

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### ***Blessing***

Go now into the world, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and may the blessing of our Triune God— Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - rest on you and remain with you now and always, **Amen**

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