



A Special Commemorative Service

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. *Romans 12.9,10*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
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 chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Hymn: Praise my soul, the King of heaven

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Dear friends, we have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to hear and receive God's holy word, and to pray for the needs of the world.

We also gather this day to pray for our King, that, both now and always, God may grant him wisdom and grace for his ministry among us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we, with Charles our King, give ourselves to the service of God and others, that our communities may flourish and be places of trust and friendship.

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

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip Charles our King and all your people with the gifts to fulfil our calling, that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Bible Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against

the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded

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 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 ay endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,

beauty springeth out of nought.
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 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.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930) CCLI Licence 2370586

Reflection

This weekend we celebrate the coronation of King Charles the 3rd! As our new monarch and head of the Anglican church. The country has been very busy celebrating this big and important event. But now that Charles has been formally made King, he is going to need a lot of help to carry out his very important work and I know we will have seen that Kings are often surrounded by a lot of people. Servants and soldiers, secretaries and photographers, even people who help the king to get dressed and make sure everything is in its proper place and all buckles and buttons are polished and shining!

As Christians, we serve the greatest King of all, He is the King of all Kings, The Lord of all Lords, Jesus Christ the Son of God. And He has made us His servants and His soldiers called into His service not to fight for our own interests but to fight the good fight of faith hope and love, fighting against evil and bringing his healing love and provision to people near and far, to places all over His Kingdom and bringing that Kingdom to the world.

As Jesus Christs servants and soldiers we are always taken very good care of by our King. He has given us His word, His Holy Spirit and His armour to keep us from getting lost in the maze of this life.

We have The Helmet of the hope of Salvation, we remember that we are saved through faith in Jesus.

We have the breastplate of Christ's righteousness, given to us, that is Jesus goodness and rightness covering our lives.

We have a strong belt of truth which we need to tie and buckle on through reading Gods word and following it.

We have our feet fitted with strong shoes of peace, for us to walk and live and bring peace wherever we go.

We have a beautiful shield of faith that will help us shelter from painful accusations through believing in Gods total acceptance of us.

And we have a mighty sword of the Spirit which is God's word, we can use this to demolish the lies of our enemy Satan.

To become one of Jesus Christ's soldiers we must believe in Him and follow Him and remember to put on our armour which He has given us. And He, will always be with us, looking after us and showing us the way. Amen

Prayers of Intercession: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you reign over all things in wisdom, power, and love. Hear our prayers which we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Charles our King, that you may pour upon him abundant gifts to help him fulfil the promises made at his coronation: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

That he will have the grace, wisdom, and strength to live a life of service to you and to his people: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

For Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family; that they may love and support the King as he bears the burden of his office: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

For the building up of the Church under its Supreme Governor, for the building up of all Christian people, and for mutual understanding and fellowship between all people of faith: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

For this United Kingdom, for His Majesty's other Realms and Territories, for the whole Commonwealth of Nations, for their governments and ministers, and for all who are called to public service, that they will seek justice, mercy, and peace: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of all people, for those who care for others and for the environment, and for all in need: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to him be glory and power for ever. **Amen.**

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.

Hymn: Lord, for the years

1 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 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.

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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Final blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among *you* and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

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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.

This service has been adapted from resources provided by the Church of England to commemorate the King's Coronation.