

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

“As dark as death can be — particularly for those suffering with grief — light and life are greater. May the living flame of the Easter hope be a steady guide as we face the future.”

The Queen’s Easter
Message 2020



Welcome

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed,
restored, forgiven,
who like thee

His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

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.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

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.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

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.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words from Romans 14

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

2 Minutes' Silence

Prayers

Eternal God,
we pray for ourselves,
as we pray for Elizabeth,
our departed Queen,
We stand where earth
and heaven meet,
where life is brought to death,
and death is made the gate to glory.
Deliver us from fear and doubt,
from despair and unbelief,
and bring us all to the light
of your presence.

Grant us that peace
which the world cannot give,
so that we with her may trust in you
and find our life in you.
We make our prayer through
Jesus Christ, our Saviour
in life and death,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

Gracious God,
we give thanks for the life of
your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith
and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we
mourn her death and may her example
continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Everlasting God,
we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign
and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice,
harmony and fairness

flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King,
the Commonwealth, and all people,
peace and concord;
and to us all his servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you
and remain with you always. 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!