



# Evensong with Prayers for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Friday 9 September, 5.30 pm

# Welcome to Manchester Cathedral

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

## A Message from the Dean

Her Majesty the Queen and the late Prince Philip visited Manchester Cathedral several times over past decades. I have fond memories of their visit here in 2007 when she presented the Maundy Money to recipients. We give thanks for her life and service to the nation. Her last visit in 2022 was most memorable. I send condolences and prayers to His Majesty the King and the Royal Family in this time of mourning as we prepare to lay her to rest May she Rest in Peace and rise in glory!

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## Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

## Musicians

The choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,  
Organist and Master of the Choristers.  
The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

## Music before the service

Sursum Corda

*John Ireland (1879-1962)*

*Please stand as the Choir and clergy enter*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation. A time of silent prayer is offered.*

## Preces

sung by the Choir

*William Byrd (1543-1623)*

○ Lord, open thou our lips;  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us;  
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

## Psalm 121

sung by the Choir

*Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh  
my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made  
heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that  
keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor  
sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence  
upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the  
moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even  
he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:  
from this time forth for evermore.

*All stand*

Glory be to the Father:  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*All sit*

## **First Lesson**

Isaiah 61.1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*All stand*

## **Magnificat**

sung by the Choir  
*Service in F, George Dyson (1883-1964)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*All sit*

## **Second Lesson**

Revelation 21. 1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

*All stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

sung by the Choir  
*Service in F, George Dyson*

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Remain standing*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

All      **I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth :  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects

sung by the Choir  
*William Byrd*

The Lord be with you;  
And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.

*All sit*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## Collect

O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind, grant us,  
with thy servant Queen Elizabeth and all the faithful  
departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and  
glorious resurrection;  
that in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy  
Ghost, one God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

## Collect for peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace  
which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
*Amen.*

## Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

## Anthem

sung by the Choir

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair, O Lord of Hosts.  
My soul ever longeth and fainteth sore for the blest courts of  
the Lord:  
My heart and flesh do cry to the living God.  
O blest are they that in Thy house are dwelling:  
They ever praise Thee, O Lord, for evermore.

*The Dean invites interfaith representatives to light a candle and prays*

God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth,  
for her love of our country,  
and for her devotion to duty and service.  
We entrust her now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

## **Tribute**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In this moment of sorrow the Lord is in our midst and consoles us with his word: No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love her.

Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be comforted.

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our Sister Elizabeth, The Queen. In her life you embraced her with your tender love, and opened to her the gate of heaven. The old order has passed away, as you welcome her into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, into whose hands Jesus Christ commended his spirit at the last hour: into those same hands we now commend your servant Elizabeth, that death may be for her the gate to life and to eternal fellowship with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Remember, O Lord, your servant Elizabeth, who has gone before us with the sign of faith and now rests in the sleep of peace. According to your promises, grant to her and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; through the same Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the King and the Royal Family with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*The prayers conclude with the following*

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Please stand*

### **Hymn**

Let saints on earth in concert sing  
With those whose work is done;  
For all the servants of our King  
In earth and heaven are one.

One family, we dwell in him,  
One Church, above, beneath;  
Though now divided by the stream,  
The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,  
To his command we bow;  
Part of his host has crossed the flood,  
And part is crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home  
There pass some spirits blest,  
While others to the margin come,  
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant Guide;  
Then, when the word is given,  
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,  
And bring us safe to heaven.

*Dundee NEH 396*

*Melody in Scottish Psalter 1615*

*Harmony from Ravenscroft's Psalmes 1621*

*Charles Wesley (1707-88) and others*

## **The Blessing**

The Dean    May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All            **Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

## **National Anthem**

sung by the Choir

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.

## **Music after the Service**

Rhapsody No 1 in D flat major

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

