

These resources are designed to help churches and faith communities mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee year in 2022. Throughout the year, more resources will be added as they are produced.



On 6 February 2022, the 70th anniversary of her accession, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. The celebration of the Jubilee will culminate in a special weekend of events (Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June) including church services, the Trooping of the Colour, concerts, the lighting of beacons, and other events.

It is hoped that many churches and communities will be able to celebrate this landmark anniversary, and these resources are designed for use in a variety of contexts to help plan local celebrations, perhaps in the presence of elected representatives, service organisations, and representatives of the wider community. The resources include special prayers, an outline Service of Thanksgiving, graces to be said at Jubilee Lunches, and prayers for planting trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

Download the Platinum Jubilee liturgy

Collects

These prayers may be used throughout the Jubilee Year.

*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.*

Amen.

*O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
we give you thanks for your servant Elizabeth our Queen.
May she ever be provided with all she may need
for her ministry among us,
strengthened to meet every demand
which her office may make,
and in all things nourished by your word and example,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign,*

world without end.

Amen.
Coronation Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted)

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

Amen.
Prayer of Dedication, from the Silver Jubilee Year

*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.

*O God, who providest for thy people by thy power,
and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy
Servant our Queen, that under her this nation may be wisely governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness;
and grant that she being devoted to thee with her whole heart,
and persevering in good works unto the end,
may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end.*

Amen.

Suggested readings for a special service

- Joshua 1.1-9; Proverbs 8.1-16
- Psalms 20; 101; 121
- Romans 13.1-10; Revelation 21.22–22.4
- Matthew 22.16-22; Luke 22.24-30

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Joshua 1.1-9; Proverbs 8.1-16
Joshua 1.1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying, ‘My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall 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 not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’

Proverbs 8.1-16

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

‘To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;

for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

They are all straight to one who understands
and right to those who find knowledge.

Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold;

for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

I, wisdom, live with prudence,
and I attain knowledge and discretion.

The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.

I have good advice and sound wisdom;
I have insight, I have strength.

By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;

by me rulers rule,
and nobles, all who govern rightly.

Psalm 20

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,*
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;
Send you help from his holy place*
and strengthen you out of Zion;
Remember all your offerings*
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
Grant you your heart’s desire*
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the name of our God;*
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory
to his anointed;*

he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,*
but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down,*
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king*
and answer us when we call.

O God, whose Son was born in our flesh

to be our Redeemer:

hear and defend us, who call upon his holy Name,

and grant us to share in his victory;

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Psalm 101

I will sing of mercy and justice;*
to you, O Lord, will I sing praises.

I will strive to follow a blameless course;
O when will you come to me?*

I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

I will set no worthless thing before my eyes;*

I hate the doers of evil deeds;
they shall not remain with me.

A crooked heart shall be far from me;*

I will not know evil.

[Those who in secret slander their neighbours

I will destroy;*

those who have a haughty look and a proud heart

I cannot abide.]

My eyes are upon the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me,*
and only those who lead a blameless life
shall be my servants.
Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house,*
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.
[I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land,*
that I may root out all evildoers
from the city of the Lord.]

*Purify our hearts, O Lord,
and teach us to seek your Kingdom first;
that the world may see our good works
and glorify you, our Father in heaven,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,*
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;*
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.
*Lord, ever watchful and faithful,
we look to you to be our defence
and we lift up our hearts to know your help;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Romans 13.1-10; Revelation 21.22–22.4

Romans 13.1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one

must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Revelation 21.22–22.4

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Matthew 22.16-22; Luke 22.24-30

Matthew 22.16–22

So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Luke 22.24–30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one 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, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

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