

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### Accession Day

Accession Day marks the anniversary of the reigning monarch taking the throne, which in the case of Her Majesty the Queen is 6 February 1952. It is particularly fitting to celebrate this anniversary in 2022 as it marks the beginning of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As The Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England and also the head of state, we pray frequently for her work and for her needs; there are various provisions in the Book of Common Prayer and in Common Worship which can be used for this purpose. In the case of Accession Day, there are authorized resources which are noted below.

Further liturgical material to mark the Platinum Jubilee will follow, especially in the lead-up to the Jubilee Weekend in June.

#### Collects

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.

## **Forms of Prayer for Accession Day**

There are special texts for Accession Day in [Common Worship](#) and in the [Book of Common Prayer](#), which can be used at Morning or Evening Prayer or at Holy Communion.

## **Suggested readings for a special service on Accession Day**

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

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*