



Liturgical Resources for the celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Notes

On 6 February 2022, the seventieth 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.

The weekend of celebrations includes the Day of Pentecost, a Principal Feast in the Church of England. On that day, the provision for the principal service should not be displaced.

Prayers

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

This prayer may be used on any suitable occasion

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 our Lord.
Amen.

Common Worship

Readings and hymns

Suggested readings

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

Suggested hymns

All people that on earth do dwell

Be thou my vision

Come down, O love divine

Lord, for the years

Now thank we all our God

It would be appropriate for the National Anthem to be sung.

An outline Service of Thanksgiving

The president says

O Lord, open our lips
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Let your ways be known upon earth,
All **your saving power among the nations.**

We gather together to worship God
and in thanksgiving for the seventy years of faithful service
of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.
We give thanks for her example of faithfulness
to God and to her people,
and pray God's blessing on her
that she may continue to fulfil the promises she has made
with generosity and joy.

A hymn may be sung.

The president prays:

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.
All **Amen.**

*At least one reading from Scripture is read here. The readings
may be drawn from the suggested passages on p. 4.*

A sermon may be preached.

Intercessions are offered.

Prayers may include those on pp. 8-9 and/or the following:

Thanksgiving

- *for The Queen's many years of service;*
- *for her faith and devotion to duty;*
- *for her care for her people;*

Petition

- *for continued strength for The Queen to fulfil her duty;*
- *for our nation, for the nations of the Commonwealth, and for their people*
- *for the needs of the world;*
- *for the sick and for all who suffer;*

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

All join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

All Our Father, who art in heaven...
(or) Our Father in heaven...

The president introduces the Act of Dedication:

As we give thanks for Her Majesty's service to us all,
let us dedicate our own lives once again to the love and
service of God and neighbour:

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

A hymn may be sung.

The president says

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all
humankind,
 peace and concord;
and to us and all his 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.

All Amen.

All sing the National Anthem.

Additional prayers

Contemporary language

O God, you provide for your people by your power,
and rule over them in love:
receive the gratitude which we offer this day
for your servant Elizabeth our Queen.
Send your blessing upon her work,
that under her we may be wisely governed,
and all people may serve you in faith, hope, and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, bless all members of the Commonwealth of nations,
bound together under one Queen.
Help us always to take seriously our great responsibilities,
and set before us an example of integrity and justice,
faith, courage, duty, self-discipline, and fairness,
that we may foster the peace and goodwill
that gives you alone the glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

King of kings and Lord of lords,
fill the hearts of all in authority
with the love of your laws,
and with all that is righteous and life-giving,
that, together with them,
we may be wise and worthy stewards of your gifts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Traditional language

O God, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: receive, we beseech thee, the gratitude which we offer this day for thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; and vouchsafe continually so to bless her work, that under her this nation may be wisely governed, and all people may serve thee in godly quietness and true holiness; to thy honour and glory. **Amen.**

O God, who hast made us members of the Commonwealth of nations, and hast bound us together under one Queen: grant that we may ever be alert to our great responsibilities; and set before us that righteousness which exalteth each nation. Help us to seek to excel in faith, courage, duty, self-discipline, and fair dealing; that we may foster that peace and goodwill which gives glory to thee, both now and always. **Amen.**

O God, Almighty Father, King of kings and Lord of all our rulers: grant that the hearts and minds of all statesmen and women, judges, and people of learning and wealth, may be so filled with the love of thy laws, and of that which is righteous and life-giving, that, together with them, we may each serve as wholesome salt to the earth, and be worthy stewards of thy good and perfect gifts; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Queen's Green Canopy

Organisations and individuals are being invited to join The Queen's Green Canopy by planting trees, ideally between October and March. Churches and schools are particularly invited to get involved, and further information about how to do so can be found at <http://www.queensgreencanopy.org>.

A prayer as a tree is planted:

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55.12

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise.

As we plant this tree
to remind us of our Queen's long and loyal service,
fill our hearts with the joy of the salvation
which your Son Jesus Christ won for us on the cross,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

(or)

God of joy and Lord of creation,
as we plant *this tree*,
may it always remind us
of The Queen's long and loyal service,
and of your faithfulness.

All **Amen.**

Graces to be said at a Jubilee Lunch

Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts,
your Son taught us that in the Kingdom of God
people would come from east and west,
from north and south,
to sit at table together.

As we give thanks for the many years
and long reign of our Queen,
we ask you to bless our food, our *neighbourhood*,
and our enjoyment of each other's company.

We make our prayer through the same
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.

All **Amen.**

(or)

Gracious God,
give our Queen continued wisdom and strength
to carry out the promises she has made;
and bless (*this food, and*) those who are gathered here,
that, sustained by service for others,
we may faithfully serve you, all the days of our life.

All **Amen.**

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