



MERTON COLLEGE

The Chapel of St Mary and St John

SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION FOR  
HER LATE MAJESTY  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
(1926-2022)

4.00pm Friday 9 September 2022

**Welcome** to Merton College Chapel and to this service, sung by the College Choir, to commemorate the life of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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## ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

'Nimrod' from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)



*All stand as the bell rings and the procession enters the Chapel.*

*The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones (Chaplain) reads*

**THE SENTENCES and BIDDING**

*All sit as the choir sings*

**PSALM 121**

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :  
from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh even from the Lord :  
who hath made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel :  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper :  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :  
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 remain seated for the*

**READING**

Revelation 21.1-7

*read by Professor Irene Tracey CBE  
(The Warden)*

*All remain seated for the*

**ANTHEM** *In paradisum*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

May angels lead you into paradise,  
may martyrs come to welcome you  
and lead you into the holy city of Jerusalem.  
May choirs of angels greet you  
and, like Lazarus, who once was poor,  
may you have eternal rest.

*Requiem Mass*

*All remain seated or kneel as*

*the Revd Lyndon Webb (Associate Chaplain) leads the*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition, all respond*

God of mercy:

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer*

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

All stand to sing the  
HYMN

EVENTIDE 10 10 10 10

W. H. Monk 1823-89



Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

*HF Lyte (1793-1847)*

*All remain standing for the*  
**COMMENDATION**

*The Chaplain introduces the Commendation  
and two minutes' silence is kept.*

*The choir sings*

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of all,  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.  
For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst us, saying,  
“Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”  
All we go down to the dust;  
yet weeping o’er the grave, we make our song:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Russian Kontakion of the Departed*

*The Chaplain reads the Prayer of Commendation.*

*All remain standing to sing the*  
HYMN

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William Rowlands (1860-1937)



Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*The Chaplain gives*  
THE BLESSING

*All remain standing for*  
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.

Thy choicest gifts in store,  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign:  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.



*The organ voluntary is part of the service.  
Please feel free to stay in the Chapel  
to listen to it, if you would like to.*

*There is a Book of Condolence in the Ante-Chapel,  
and candles which may be lit at the statue and icon.*

*The Chapel bells will be rung muffled at 5.30pm today.*

*The Union flag is currently flying at half-mast.  
It will be raised to full-mast between 11.00am tomorrow  
and 2.00pm on Sunday for the proclamation  
of the accession of King Charles III.  
It will then be lowered to half-mast  
until the day after the State Funeral.*





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