**A Service of Prayer and Reflection**

**remembering her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

*The leader says*

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,

who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

Grace and mercy be with you.

Today we come together to remember before God

her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,

to give thanks forher life,

and to comfort one another in our grief.

*Words of introduction may follow.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

Psalm 23 *may be said or sung.*

     The Lord is my shepherd;  \*

therefore can I lack nothing.

    He makes me lie down in green pastures  \*

and leads me beside still waters.

     He shall refresh my soul  \*

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

     Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

    I will fear no evil;  \*

for you are with me;

    your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

     You spread a table before me

    in the presence of those who trouble me;  \*

you have anointed my head with oil

    and my cup shall be full.

    Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

    all the days of my life,  \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*The leader may pray*

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,

who brought again your Son Jesus Christ

    from the valley of death,

comfort us with your protecting presence

and your angels of goodness and love,

that we also may come home

and dwell with him in your house for ever.

**Reading**

Jesus said, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’

*John 14.1-6*

**Reflection**

* What stands out in your memory about The Queen?
* What will you always remember about her?
* What did you learn through her life and death, including about God in Jesus Christ?
* As we mourn the loss of the late Queen we pray for the new King, and for hope for the future.

*Prayers may be offered, which may include the following:*

God of love,

We thank you for the life of The Queen,

for her service to our nation,

and for her faith in you.

Be close to all of us who mourn,

that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together

so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness

flourish among us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Music may be played or a hymn sung.*

*The leader says*

Let us gather up all our prayers in the words that Jesus gave us.

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.

*A priest may pray*

God grant to the living, grace;

to the departed, rest;

to the Church, the King, 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 upon you and remain with you always.

(or)

May God give to you and to all those you love

his comfort and his peace,

his light and his joy,

in this world and the next;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

*The National Anthem* (God Save the King) *may be played.*