



St
Matthews
Haslington



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Michaels
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Green



Christ
Church
Wheelock

United Benefice

Service of Prayer and Reflection

During the period of mourning



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 for her life,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

Opening Hymn

Welcome and Introduction

Let us worship God; Father; Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Collect, Silence is kept and the the prayer for the day, is said

Confession (Saying Sorry to God)

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God
and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you

Father, forgive us.

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think, and say

Father, forgive us.

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us.

Father, forgive us.

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son,

Father, forgive us.

Save us and help us.

The minister declares God's forgiveness

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Blessed is the Lord

For he has heard the voice of our prayer

Creed (we say together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried,
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of Saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And life everlasting.
Amen .**

A Hymn is sung

Reading

John 14.1-6

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.'

Sermon / Talk / Reflection

A Hymn is sung

Prayers of intercession

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.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lords prayer

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 Hymn is sung

The leader 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.

A prayer for the new King

Lord God, you provide for your people by your power, and rule over them in love: Grant to your servant our King the Spirit of wisdom and discernment, that being devoted to you with his whole heart, he may so wisely govern, that in his time we may live in safety and in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And finally we say the grace together

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
evermore. Amen**

Go in the light and peace of Christ

Thanks be to God.

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