

# WINCHESTER COLLEGE



## A SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE MARKING THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**WAR CLOISTER**  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

¶ *The School assembles in War Cloister in SILENCE*

¶ *As the procession enters War Cloister the brass quartet plays March and Canzona from Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary (1695) Z.860 by Henry Purcell (1659-95), later performed at the composer's own funeral.*

## ¶ The Sentences

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

*John 11:25-26*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38-39*

In the name of Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father, grace, mercy and peace be with you.

We meet this day to remember before God our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

O God, make speed to save us.

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls: you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness, who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servant, ELIZABETH, that death may be for her the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign, one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

¶ **The Hymn** *is sung by all*

<sup>1</sup> O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

<sup>2</sup> Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

<sup>3</sup> A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

<sup>4</sup> O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

Words: *Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

Tune: *ST ANNE (William Croft, 1678-1727)*

¶ **First Reading** *read by The Warden*

*Ruth follows the call of service and commitment*

Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you,  
to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die,  
and there will I be buried.  
May the LORD do thus to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

*Ruth 1: 14-18*

¶ **Anthem** *Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts*

*Henry Purcell*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty. O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

*from Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary*

¶ **Second Reading** *read by the Aulæ Præ*

*No Man is an Island*

*John Donne (1572-1631)*

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

¶ **The Address: The Headmaster**

¶ **The Prayers** *led by the Dean of Chapel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon 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.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with your servant QUEEN ELIZABETH and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, the members of the Royal Family, this Nation and all the Nations of the Commonwealth, that casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

¶ **Anthem:** *Upon your heart*

*Eleanor Daley (b.1955)*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death...Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love. Love one another as I have loved you. Then shall your joy be complete.

*Song of Solomon 8:6-7*

*John 15:9-12*

## ¶ The Commendation

Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH. Enlighten her with your holy grace and suffer her never to be separated from you, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

May God in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ Concluding Prayer

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord KING CHARLES III, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ The Blessing

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ The National Anthem *is sung by all*

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.

*The School departs in SILENCE*

## ¶ The Lament: Going Home *played by Pipe Major James Dawson*

