

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 give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.



*A Service Of Thanksgiving
For
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*



*St Michael's Church, Cumnor
14th September 2022*

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 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.

Reveal Thyself
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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord KING CHARLES, 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. **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. **Amen.**

**O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

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

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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.

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.

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 Lord is my shepherd - Psalm 23

*Read by Cllr Tom Christophers,
Chairman of Cumnor Parish Council*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even 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 prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed

Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear,
die in your favour, rest in your peace,
rise in your power and reign in your glory;
for your own beloved Son's sake,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Amen.

PRAYERS led by Rev Nigel Appleton

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.
after St Edmund of Abingdon (1170–1240)

**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 man:
and we are mortal,
formed from the dust of earth,
and unto earth shall we return.
For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst
me, saying,
'Dust thou art,
and unto dust shalt thou return.'
All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o'er the grave
we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Revelation 21:1–7

Read by Mr. Richard Dewar,
Elder at Cumnor United Reformed Church

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed
away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the
Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully
dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice
from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place
is now among the people, and he will dwell with
them. They will be his people, and God himself will
be with them and be their God.
”He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will
be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away.”
He who was seated on the throne said, “I am
making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this
down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I
will give water without cost from the spring of the
water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit
all this, and I will be their God and they will be my
children.

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Thanks be to God

SERMON

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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.**

The souls of the righteous
are in the hand of God,
And there shall no torment touch them.

You, Lord,
have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears
and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.