

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Sunday 5th June



**St. George, the Martyr,
Ramsgate**

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Vow

Welcome and Birthdays

Minister: Praise our God, all you his servants:

All: **those who fear him, both small and great.**

Quote 1:

"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947

Opening Hymn: *Praise my soul, the king of heaven,*

Henry Frances Lyte, (1793-1847)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed,
restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon,
bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Reconciliation

Quote 2:

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

Elizabeth II, Christmas Address 2014

Summary of the Law

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The Confession

Minister: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The Absolution

Minister: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Reflective Music

The St. Luke's singing group will sing, Great is your faithfulness, by Martin Smith.

Commonwealth

Quote 3:

"It is time to recognise that in the end we all depend upon each other and that we are therefore responsible for each other."

Elizabeth II, Christmas Address 1974

Interviews with People born around the Commonwealth

Hymn: All People that on earth do dwell William Kethe, (d. 1594)

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

3 O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name.

4 Trust that the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

Example and Inspiration

Quote 4:

"He knew rejection, hardship and persecution: and yet it is Jesus Christ's generous love and example which has inspired me through good times and bad."

Elizabeth II, Christmas Address 2015

Quote 5:

"For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example."

Elizabeth II, Christmas Address 2000

Affirmation of Faith

Minister: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All:

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the
death of the cross.
Therefore, God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God, the Father.**

Reading: Luke 22:24-30 (NRSV)

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Service

Quote 6:

"In difficult times we may be tempted to find excuses for self-indulgence and to wash our hands of responsibility. Christmas stands for the opposite... we need to go out and look for opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves, even if service demands sacrifice."

Elizabeth II, Christmas Address 1980

Talk – Rev. Paul Worledge

Hymn: **Servant King**, Graham Kendrick, © Thankyou Music

From Heaven,
You came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily
offering
Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
"Yet not My will but Yours", He said

This is our God, The Servant King

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

This is our God, The Servant King

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

This is our God, The Servant King

Prayer

Prayers for the Queen, our World and those in need

The Lord's Prayer

Minister: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

Balloon Prayers

We encourage everyone to write some simple prayers on the slips of paper provided. After writing the prayers, roll them up, put them in the balloon, blow the balloon up and tie off the end. Then tie the piece of string on the balloon. After the service the balloons will be tied to the gate outside to form an arch. There will be people available to help you blow up the balloon etc. if you need it.

Closing Hymn: *The National Anthem*, Anonymous (18th Century)

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Closing Prayer:

All: **Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.**
**Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

Thank you for joining us today. Please join us afterwards to create the prayer balloon arch, for a treasure hunt around the church grounds, a BBQ and tea and cake.