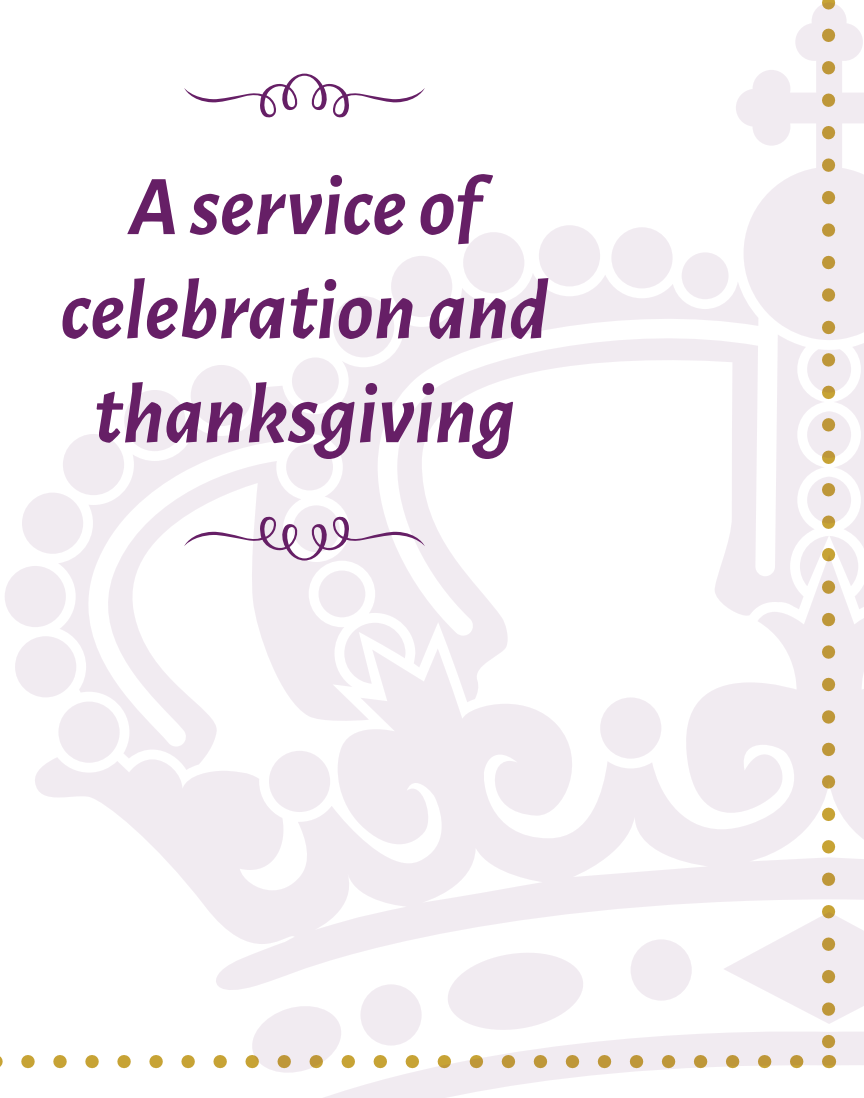




***A service of
celebration and
thanksgiving***





“I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service,
as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout
all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be
worthy of your trust.”

Queen Elizabeth II, June 2nd, 1953



Welcome

Hymn – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)



Tribute— *The Queen's life of service to God,
country and Commonwealth*

Interview— *Serving with God's heart for the poor
Hear a story of one person's experience
serving their community*

Prayers

Prayers for the Queen and all our leaders

Father God, we give you thanks for the servant heart of our Queen. We thank you for the example she has set of godly humility and reliance on you in good times and bad. We pray that you would strengthen her, give her joy, and be her strength as she runs her race faithfully to the end.

We pray for all our leaders, that they would seek you and look to you for wisdom as they carry the weight of their responsibilities. We pray they would be motivated by a desire to work for the good of others, and that their decisions would honour you.

Amen.



“For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to live my life.”

Queen Elizabeth II, December 25th, 2000



Prayers for the needy in our community

Lord, you are a God who sees and cares for the lost, the lonely, the broken and the hopeless. You know the needs of the people in our community – the obvious needs and those that are hidden. We pray that your presence would comfort those who are suffering. In a moment of silence, we bring before you those known to us who have particular struggles, and we ask you to draw near to them even now.

Amen.

Prayers for ourselves

Almighty God, we are your hands and feet on this earth. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from those we could have helped in your name. Forgive us for our cold hearts and our selfish ways. Help us to use our time, our resources and our energy to serve those in need. Give us compassion, kindness and the willingness to sacrifice in order to show your love to the world.

Amen.

Reading— *Luke 10: 25-37 (NIV)*



Sermon – *Living a life of service*

Song – *The Servant King*

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

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

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

The Servant King – Graham Kendrick

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Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.



“I am sure that this, my Coronation, is not the symbol of a power and a splendour that are gone but a declaration of our hopes for the future, and for the years I may, by God's Grace and Mercy, be given to reign and serve you as your Queen.”

Queen Elizabeth II, June 2nd, 1953

The hymns, theme and Bible passages have been chosen because they are known to be held in particular regard by Her Majesty.



in our villages, towns & cities



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