



# A Special Commemorative Service

7th May 2023

**Rejoice, O land, in God thy might;  
His will obey, him serve aright;  
For thee the Saints uplift their voice:  
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.**

**Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,  
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;  
Yea, love with thee shall make his home  
Until thou see God's kingdom come.**

**He shall forgive thy sins untold:  
Remember thou his love of old;  
Walk in his way, his word adore,  
And keep his truth for evermore.**

*[Robert Bridges]*

*The minister says*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

*Romans 12.9,10*

Dear friends,  
we have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to seek forgiveness of our sins,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
and to pray for the needs of the world.

We also gather this day to pray for our King,  
that, both now and always,  
God may grant him wisdom and grace  
for his ministry among us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we, with Charles our King,  
give ourselves to the service of God and others,  
that our communities may flourish  
and be places of trust and friendship.

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus,  
for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us.  
Equip Charles our King and all your people  
with the gifts to fulfil our calling,  
that we may love as you loved,  
serve as you served,  
and willingly follow wherever you lead.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Psalm 20 is said:*

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble, ♦  
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his sanctuary ♦  
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings ♦  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire ♦  
and fulfil all your mind.

May we rejoice in your salvation  
and triumph in the name of our God; ♦  
may the Lord perform all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed; ♦  
he will answer him from his holy heaven,  
with the mighty strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, ♦  
but we will call only on the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down and fallen, ♦  
but we are risen and stand upright.

O Lord, save the king ♦  
and answer us when we call upon you.

*All*   **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.**

*Ephesians 3.14-21 is read:*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And thee, of Both, to be but One;  
That through the ages all along  
This this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

[*John Cosin, based on Veni, creator Spiritus*]

## SERMON

*The minister says*

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
you reign over all things in wisdom, power, and love.  
Hear our prayers which we offer in the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

*An intercessor prays*

For Charles our King,  
that you may pour upon him abundant gifts  
to help him fulfil the promises made at his coronation:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

That he will have the grace, wisdom, and strength  
to live a life of service to you and to his people:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

For Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales,  
the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family;  
that they may love and support the King  
as he bears the burden of his office:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

For the building up of the Church  
under its Supreme Governor,  
for the building up of all Christian people,  
and for mutual understanding and fellowship  
between all people of faith:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

For this United Kingdom,  
for His Majesty's other Realms and Territories,  
for the whole Commonwealth of Nations,  
for their governments and ministers,  
and for all who are called to public service,  
that they will seek justice, mercy, and peace:

Lord, in your mercy  
**All hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world,  
for the welfare of all people,  
for those who care for others and for the environment,  
and for all in need:

Lord, in your mercy  
**All hear our prayer.**

Loving God,  
you have taught us that the power of the heart  
is greater than the power of wealth and might.  
Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;  
to him be glory and power for ever.

**All Amen.**

*The minister prays*

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.

**All Amen.**

**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 minister says*

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting;  
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:*

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

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