

Night Prayer
to mark the passing into eternal life
of Queen Elizabeth II
1926 ~ 2022



Saint Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr
Sunday September 11th 2022 at 9 p.m.

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Introduction:

Leader: O God, come to our aid.
All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Examination of Conscience:

Hymn:

Day is done, but love unfailing
dwells ever here;
shadows fall, but hope prevailing
calms ev'ry fear.
Loving Father, none forsaking,
take our hearts, of love's own making,
watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
be always near!

Dark descends, but light unending
shines through our night;
you are with us, ever lending
new strength to sight;
one in love, your truth confessing,
one in hope of heaven's blessing,
may we see, in love's possessing,
love's endless light!

Eyes will close, but you, unsleeping,
watch by our side;
death may come: in love's safe keeping
still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling,
sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
stay with us, our hearts indwelling,
this eventide!

Psalmody:

Leader: He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of

the night.

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God, in whom I trust.'

2 It is he who will free you from the snare
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions.
and under his wings you will find refuge.

1 You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness,
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

2 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand fall at your right,
you, it will never approach;
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

1 Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you he has commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways.

2 They will carry bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

1 Since he clung to me in love, I will free him:
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

2 With length of life I will content him;
I shall let him see my saving power.

1 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

2 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

All: He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.

Scripture Reading:

Apocalypse 22: 4-5

They will see the Lord face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again and they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

Reflection Hymn:

Peace, perfect peace
is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Peace, perfect peace,
is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord,
will the world know my friends.
Peace, perfect peace,
is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Love, perfect love ...

Faith, perfect faith ...

Hope, perfect hope ...

Joy, perfect joy ...

Short Responsory:

Leader: Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

All: Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Leader: You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.

All: Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Intercessions:

Leader: Let us pray humbly to the Saviour of all. By dying he destroyed our death and by rising he restored our life.

Response: Sanctify the people you redeemed by your blood.

Reader: Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, let us share in your passion by works of penance; - let us attain the glory of your resurrection. *R>*.

Grant us the protection of your Blessed Mother, the comforter of the afflicted; - help us to extend to others the consolation you have given us. *R>*.

Take care of those we have discouraged, ignored and those we have wronged; - help us to learn from our sufferings so that justice and love may prevail in the end. *R>*.

You humbled yourself even to accepting death, death on a cross; - grant to your servants obedience and patience. *R>*.

Take Elizabeth, Queen, mother and grandmother home to yourself; - grant heavenly rest to her, and comfort to all who mourn. *R>*.

Share with all the dead your bodily glory; - let us rejoice one day with them in the fellowship of the saints. *R>*.

Our Father ...

Nunc dimittis:

Leader: Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.

1 At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.

2 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

1 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
2 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
 without end. Amen.

*All: Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that
 we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.*

Prayer:

Leader: God our Father,
 as we have celebrated today the mystery of the Lord's resurrection,
 grant our humble prayer:
 free us from all harm
 that we may sleep in peace
 and rise in joy to sing your praise.
 Through Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

Leader: The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All: Amen.

Marian Anthem:

Salve, Regína, mater misericórdiæ;
vita, dulcédo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamámus, éxsules, filii Evæ.
Ad te suspirámus, geméntes et flentes
in hac lacrimárum valle.
Eia ergo, advocáta nostra,
illos tuos misericórdes óculos
ad nos convérte.
Et Iesum, benedíctum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsílium osténde.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria

