



**ST EDMUND'S  
SCHOOL**  
CANTERBURY

*Service of Commemoration  
To mark the death of her Late Majesty  
Queen Elizabeth II*



*Wednesday 14 September 2022 - 4:45pm*

*Mache dich, mein Herze, rein by JS Bach  
Sung by Orlando Barton-Hodges*

*Welcome and Opening Prayer*

O God make speed to save us.

**All: 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 unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign, one in perfect union of love, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**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**

*Psalm 23 – music by H Goodall  
sung by Matthew Williams*

*Bible Reading: Revelation 21:1-7  
Read by School Captain – Lucy Walker Reid*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then 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 as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

This is the Word of the Lord,

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Hymn: O God our help in ages past*

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

*Address – Mr Ed O'Connor*

*Prayers led by the Chaplain*

Lord, have mercy upon us

**All: Christ have mercy upon us**

Lord, have mercy upon us

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God

**All: And there shall no torment touch them**

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death

**All: My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

I will walk before the Lord

**All: In the land of the living**

*Intercessions follow, ending with the Lord's Prayer:*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

**Now and forever,**

**Amen**

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

**Amen**

*Anthem: Thou Knowest Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts*

*By H Purcell*

*Sung by the Chapel Choir*

*Concluding Prayer and Blessing*

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

*Voluntary: Nimrod by E Elgar*