

SPECIAL FORM OF SERVICE
IN COMMEMORATION OF

His Late Majesty
KING GEORGE VI
OF BLESSED AND GLORIOUS MEMORY

*To be used in all Churches in
England either on the Day of the
Funeral or on the most convenient
Day within the Octave*

By Her Majesty's Special Command



CHILWELL GARRISON

The following Sentences shall be said:

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

- The 2 minutes silence will now be observed -

Then the Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Then, all standing, shall be said:

Minister. Turn us, O God our Saviour;
Answer. And let thine anger cease from us.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;
Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;
Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be sung the following Psalm:

PSALM 23. - Dominus regit me

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said as follows:

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Then shall be read the Lesson:

Rev. 21.1 - 7.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou, Who changest not, abide with me,

I need Thy Presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you;
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Then all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins;

Answer. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Minister. Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;

Answer. For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Minister. The souls of the righteous are in the hands of the Lord;

Answer. Who preserveth them that are true of heart.

Minister. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul;

Answer. For the Lord hath rewarded thee.

Minister. Thou, Lord, hast delivered my soul from death;

Answer. Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

Minister. I will walk before the Lord;

Answer. In the land of the living.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver thy servant King George out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching thee, that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom, that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us (by his holy Apostle Saint Paul) not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is thy servant King *GEORGE* doth; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer.

Amen.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE commend, O Lord, to thy fatherly goodness Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Queen Mary, and all the members of the Royal Family: Send to them thy Holy Spirit to comfort, help, and strengthen them; and give them a sure and steadfast trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY the Lord of his mercy grant to us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn:*

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. Amen.

¶ *Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say the prayers following:*

O LORD our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice: We remember before thee our late Sovereign Lord, King *GEORGE*, in thankfulness for the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us by his reign; for the example he set of unwearied devction to duty; for his steadfast courage in years of war and manifold anxieties; and for the love and loyalty borne to him by a great family of peoples in all parts of the world. And we beseech thee to give us grace that, having these thy mercies in remembrance, we may with one heart and one mind set forward the welfare of this Land and Empire, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of peace and goodwill among men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure, and who hast now called thy Servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*, to the Throne of this Realm: let thy wisdom be her guide, and let thine arm strengthen her; let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love, and all those virtues that adorn the Christian Profession, flourish in her days. Direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of her people; and give us grace to obey her cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake; that neither our sinful passions, nor our private interests, may disappoint her cares for the publick good; let her always possess the hearts of her people, that they may never be wanting in honour to her Person, and dutiful submission to her Authority; let her Reign be long and prosperous, and crown her with immortality in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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