

## **Anglican Church of Freiburg**

Sunday September 18, 2022

Liturgy for Morning Prayer

Remembering her Majesty her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

### **Silent Preparation**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Greetings**

Come, disciples of Christ, called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ: the fullness of life, the repentance and forgiveness of sin, and the promise of eternal life :

Come, disciples of Christ, called to joyfully engage in the ways of the Holy Spirit who empowers people from the margins with agency, in the search for justice and dignity.

#### **Opening Hymn**

*The leader says*

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.  
Grace and mercy be with you.

Today we come together to remember before God  
her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,  
to give thanks for her life,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

L: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. We thank you that you have called us here today as your disciples from across the world. We thank you that despite the many differences in the way we look, dress, speak, sing and pray, you have made all of us your children through faith.

We pray today for all your disciples across the world and in a moment of silence... ..

we name those who helped to shape our faith. ...

we name those who inspire us through their loving service. ...

we name those who are persecuted for their beliefs. ...  
we name those who struggle with doubt. ...  
we name those who are new to the faith.  
We bring all these prayers together now and pray for your blessing on all  
those who have been named. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Remembering the Queen**

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

*All* **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF RENEWAL AND ASSURANCE**

L: God, we are created in your image, we are one world and one family

♪ Act Justly  
Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God

L: We try to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you, and yet  
we feel burdened... Burdened by the racism which surrounds us. Break  
down the barriers in our communities. Free us to uproot racism from  
among ourselves, our society and our world.

♪ Act Justly

L: We try to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you, and yet  
we feel exhausted... Exhausted by the lack of gender justice. Bless all  
children with parents that love and cherish them as much as you do.  
Change our hearts to be a just community with you as our centre.

♪ Act Justly

L: We try to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you, and yet what we feel is you. Walking with us Breathing new life into our hands and hearts. Help us, God. Show us, when to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk, humbly, with you. Amen.

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The Psalm

Psalm 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your heritage; ♦  
your holy temple have they defiled  
and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
- 2 The dead bodies of your servants they have given  
to be food for the birds of the air, ♦  
and the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the field.
- 3 Their blood have they shed like water  
on every side of Jerusalem, ♦  
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become the taunt of our neighbours, ♦  
the scorn and derision of those that are round about us.
- 5 Lord, how long will you be angry, for ever? ♦  
How long will your jealous fury blaze like fire?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the nations that have not known you, ♦  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob ♦  
and laid waste his dwelling place.
- 8 Remember not against us our former sins; ♦  
let your compassion make haste to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; ♦

deliver us, and wipe away our sins for your name's sake.

## **The First Reading**

Jer 8:18-9:1

### **The Prophet Mourns for the People**

<sup>18</sup> My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

<sup>19</sup> Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:

'Is the LORD not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?'

('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?')

<sup>20</sup> 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.'

<sup>21</sup> For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

<sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

<sup>9:1</sup> O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

## **The Gradual**

## **The Gospel**

Luke 16:1-13

### **The Parable of the Dishonest Manager**

**16** Then Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management,

because you cannot be my manager any longer.”<sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.<sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.”<sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?”<sup>6</sup> He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.”<sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.”<sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth<sup>[b]</sup> so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,<sup>[d]</sup> who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

## **The Homily**

### **The Intercessions**

Let us pray.

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,  
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ  
from the valley of death,  
comfort us with your protecting presence  
and your angels of goodness and love,  
that we also may come home  
and dwell with him in your house for ever.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**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 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.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with your servant QUEEN ELIZABETH and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son

our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, the members of the Royal Family, this Nation and all the Nations of the Commonwealth, that casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **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.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Sharing of the Peace

#### Time of Reflection

#### **Reflection**

- What stands out in your memory about The Queen?
- What will you always remember about her?
- What did you learn through her life and death, including about God in Jesus Christ?
- As we mourn the loss of the late Queen we pray for the new King, and for hope for the future.

*Prayers may be offered, which may include the following:*

God of love,  
We thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.  
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.  
Help us to work together  
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness  
flourish among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The Offertory Hymn

## SENDING AND BLESSING

L: This is what God says: You are my child. You are my image. You are blessed. Go now and do what love shows you: Act justly, Love kindness and walk humbly with your God. I will be with you. This day and all days.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.