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**Pentecost
and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service**

**Led by Revd Tony Miles and
Revd Lansford Penn-Timity**

**Acts 2:1-13
Luke 22:24-30**

**LIVE STREAM WELCOME
Revd Tony Miles and Revd Lansford Penn-Timity**

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Expectant Worship

VIDEO HYMN – Father Of Everlasting Grace

Father of everlasting grace,
your goodness and your truth we praise,
your goodness and your truth we prove;
you have, in honour of your Son,
the gift unspeakable sent down,
the Spirit of life, and power, and love.

Send us the Spirit of your Son,
to make the depths of Godhead known,
to make us share the life divine;
send him the sprinkled blood to apply,
send him our souls to sanctify,
to bless and seal us this sign.

So shall we pray, and never cease,
so shall we thankfully confess
your wisdom, truth, and power, and love,
with joy unspeakable adore,
and bless and praise you evermore,
and serve thee as your hosts above:

Till, added to that heavenly choir,
we raise our songs of triumph higher,
and praise you with a bolder voice,
out-soar the first-born seraph's flight,
and sing, with all our friends in light,
with everlasting love rejoice.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

OPENING PRAYERS

Led by Lansford Penn-Timothy

*Prayers from URC's Worship Reference Group, has been
compiled and written by Revd Dr Ana Gobledale:*

Let us pray:

Gracious God, how great your love!

We lift our song to you as we gather with praise and
thanksgiving on our hearts. We come, part of the
rainbow of your family, from the nations of this United
Kingdom and the Commonwealth, rich in our diversity
and culture.

We come as people of faith to give you thanks for Her
Majesty The Queen – a leader, a mother, a wife, a
servant.

Thank you for her life of service and the example of her deep sense of vocation.

May she continue to be blessed with divine guidance and find strength in her faith.

May she be encouraged by the widespread celebration of this Jubilee.

May we who gather today be enriched and strengthened by today's service.

May the words, spoken and sung, lift our spirits that we might leave this place steadfast in our role as your ambassadors and Christ's disciples. Amen.

As we prepare to confess our sins, may we be enlightened by the words of Queen Elizabeth, from her 1984 Christmas message.

'Above all, we must retain the child's readiness to forgive, with which we are all born and which it is all too easy to lose as we grow older. Without it, divisions between families, communities and nations remain unbridgeable. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to live up to the standards of behaviour and tolerance which we are so eager to teach them.... We should work to heal old wounds and to abandon prejudice and suspicion.'^[1]

'Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families; it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love.'^[2]

Merciful God, we approach you asking for forgiveness,
For healing and reconciliation
To once again feel the power of your Love.

As individuals and as a nation we have tempted fate.
We have not simply done justice and loved kindness.
We have stretched our grasp with greed.
We have protected our privacy with isolationism.
We have ravaged your creation with entitlement.

Forgive us.

As we are forgiven, may we,
with the readiness of a child, forgive others.
Those who have caused division and pain
Those who spread intolerance and prejudice
Those who destroy that which we try to build up.

Open our hearts to abandon prejudice and suspicion.
As we teach our children tolerance, may we be
tolerant.

Use us to restore harmony
That all may humbly walk with you
And feel the power of your love.

This we pray in the name of the great healer, Jesus.

Amen.

[1] Queen Elizabeth, Christmas 1984 (p 42-43 in The Servant Queen: and the King she serves, by Mark Greene & Catherine Butcher, published by Bible Society, HOPE, LICC, 2016)

[2] Queen Elizabeth, 2011 (p.42 in in The Servant Queen: and the King she serves, by Mark Greene & Catherine Butcher, published by Bible Society, HOPE, LICC, 2016)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

VIDEO – 'HYMN AND HER' - Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd Tony Miles and Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy

GLOBAL GREETING – From Kigali Rwanda

OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Revd Tony Miles

Gracious God, receive these gifts that represent our love for you and our commitment to act for justice. May they reflect the self-sacrifice described by Queen Elizabeth and be used boldly as we join efforts to 'defeat the evils of our time' in the power of the Spirit.
Amen.

VIDEO LESSON Acts 2:1-13

Read by Wayne Borden

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

VIDEO SONG – ‘King of Kings’

In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope, without light,
till from heaven you came running,
there was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the word;
from a throne of endless glory,
to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming,
and to reconcile the lost;
to redeem the whole creation,
you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering,
you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake you died.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings.*

And the morning that you rose,
all of heaven held its breath,
till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame,
now this gospel truth of old
shall not kneel shall not faint.
By his blood and in his Name,
in his freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings.
Praise forever to the King of kings.*

*Jason Ingram, Brooke Ligertwood and
Scott Ligertwood*

VIDEO GOSPEL LESSON Luke 22:24-30

Read by Audrey Nipah

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them;

and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

SERMON 'Rise Up And Serve'

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO POEM – 'Out and About'

VIDEO JUBILEE SONG

In this glorious year of Jubilee
We give thanks for Her Majesty
In honour of a faithful heart
Who chose to serve and to platy her part.

Many nations have gathered here
From the mountain heights let the song ring clear
Celebrating with prayer and sacred oil.

*'Rise up and serve' is the call we hear
With hope in our hearts, joining as one,
making history.*

*Let fanfares sound through this Jubilee
Rise up and serve, thanking God for Her Majesty*

May God's good grace be upon her now
To complete the task and fulfil her vow.
May the trust in Christ she has held so long
Be the truth that burns brightly on.

One hope, one vision
On many tongues one song
From East to West
Let's keep it burning on

One hope, one vision
On many tongues one song
From East to West
Let's keep it burning on
Keep it burning on

*Rise up, come on and rise up, in this year of jubilee
Rise up, come on and rise up, celebration time is here*

The Jubilee is coming
Everyone is singing
Rise up and greet the dawn
The Jubilee is coming
Everyone is singing
Let's keep it burning on
Keep it burning on.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Led by Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy

VIDEO HYMN – ‘Praise My Soul The King of Heaven’
(One of our Queen’s favourite hymns’)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Revd Tony Miles

THE BLESSING

Revd Tony Miles

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the strength of God sustain us;
may the power of God preserve us;
may the hands of God protect us;
may the way of God direct us;
may the love of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, be
with us this day and forever. **Amen.**

VIDEO - NATIONAL ANTHEM

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