



**An Act of Collective Worship To Commemorate
The Death of Queen Elizabeth II.**

Gathering:

Reflective Music: Pavane for a Dead Princess (Pavane pour une infante défunte) by Maurice Ravel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKkeDqjBIK8>

Greeting: Leader: “Where two or three are gathered in my name,” say’s the Lord,
“There am I in the midst of them.”

Engaging:

Introduction.

Explain that yesterday was a very sad day for the Royal Family and for our country, Queen Elizabeth II died. Today we are gathering together to reflect on this sad news for us all and to think about the special person that the Queen has been and the great impact that her reign has had on our country, the commonwealth and the world.

Everyone may have seen and heard about this on the news. Queen Elizabeth II was a very important person in our country, our Queen and she has been the queen of the United Kingdom for all our lives. As queen, she was also the Head of The Church of England. Queen Elizabeth was a Christian and her faith was very important to her.

Today we are therefore going to have a very special Collective Worship here in our Church of England school in which we are going to remember Queen Elizabeth II and pray for her and her family.

Hymn / Song: Brother, Sister Let Me Serve You.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03zcgzs>

Show accompanying PowerPoint about Queen Elizabeth II and scenes from her life.

This could just be shown as a reflection / slide show or each picture could be talked about.

Poem: You Can Shed Tears That She Is Gone.

This poem was read at the Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother:

You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Anonymous

Word of God Introduction: Bible Reader: Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

All: You have the words of eternal life.

A Reading From The Holy Bible: Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet.

John 13: 1-17

Bible Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Responding:

Something To Think About: 7 Jewels of Queen Elizabeth II: -

Talk about the jewels on the crown that Queen Elizabeth II wore. Discuss what a jewel is.

Talk about the Queen's characteristics, virtues and values which can be seen as her jewels.

7 of her jewels are: -

Service;

Respect;

Care;

Mercy;

Humour;

Wisdom;

Faith.

Discuss what each of these jewels mean and share examples of how the Queen showed this throughout her life.

What can we each learn from the way that Queen Elizabeth II lived her life for how we live our lives?

What can our country learn from the way that Queen Elizabeth II lived her life?

Prayers:

In between each prayer, sing the Taizé chorus, Jesus, Remember Me.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W-vYp2U4j8>

In gratitude we bid farewell to a greatly loved Queen.
For her grace, humanity and sympathy,
for her courage in adversity,
for the happiness she brought to so many,
for her steadfast pilgrimage of faith,
for her example of service,
and for the duty which she rendered unflinchingly to her country,
we thank and praise Almighty God.

As we commend Elizabeth, his servant, to God's mercy,
let us especially pray for her family in their loss.

Amen.

God of power,
May the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
May the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you now and always.

Amen.

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over

and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,

a holy rest and peace at the last;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Now let us say The Lord's Prayer together.

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.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn / Song: The Lord's My Shepherd. (*Stuart Townend version.*)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00pd89y>

Quiet Reflection: A number of pupils and adults read out words from Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas speeches that she has made over the years about her faith.

(*See Words of Queen Elizabeth II sheet.*)

During Reflection: - Music: - Canon in D Major by Pachelbel (*to play as a bed underneath the reading.*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIprozGcs80>

One of the slides from the PowerPoint along with a lit candle (*to be displayed.*)

Sending Out:

Eternal God,

our beginning and our end,

accompany us in this day's journey.

Dawn on our darkness,

open our eyes to praise you for your creation

and to see the work you have set before us today.

Take us and use us to bring to others

the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Blessing. - *If a member of clergy is present.*)

Reflective Music To Leave By: Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUgoBb8mleE>