



St. Mark's Church Bedford



The Church of England and the Methodist Church in Partnership

Family Service 2 June 2002

With special prayers to celebrate and give thanks for the
Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

Opening Prayer

(We stand to say together)

We have come together as the people of God in this place as we offer praise and thanksgiving to God we remember also the life of Her majesty the Queen on this her Golden Jubilee. We pray for her and for the people of our nations and our local communities. We commit ourselves afresh to serve our local community, our nation and the world that in us God's will may be done and God's kingdom go forward until the earth is filled with the knowledge of his justice and his love. Amen

Hymn

The National Anthem 194 Mission Praise

Welcome

(Please be seated)

A Verse from Scripture

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. *Romans Chapter 3:22-24*

(please join with words in bold type)

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Minister: Loving God, we have come to worship you.

All: Help us to remember that you are here with us.

**May we pray to you in faith,
sing your praises with gratitude
and listen to your word with eagerness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, giving thanks for her dedication throughout her reign: may she be blessed and strengthened, for members of the Commonwealth with whom we share this Jubilee: may we grow in understanding and respect, for those who bring healing and health to the sick and the suffering, for those who care for prisoners and refugees; that, through those who hear your call, your healing hand may be laid on the nations.

Hymn

Praise my soul 560 Mission Praise

Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins to God

God shows his love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Sure of reconciliation through the death of his Son, we confess our sins to God.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

For our foolishness and our thoughtless use of the gifts of your creation,

Minister: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

For our neglect of you, and our failure to care for others

Minister: Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

For selfishness in prayer, and our carelessness in worship

Minister: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Minister: Here is good news for all who put their trust in Christ.

Jesus says: 'Your sins are forgiven'

Minister: O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Minister: Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs

All: let us sing to God with thanksgiving in our hearts

Minister: Let everything you do or say be done in the name of the Lord Jesus

All Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

The Offering

After the offering is collected it may be brought forward.

The people stand as it is presented and say

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Hymns

Majesty 454 Mission Praise

The wise man

The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
and the rain came tumbling down.

And the rain came down and the floods came up,
the rain came down and the floods came up,
the rain came down and the floods came up,
and the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
and the rain came tumbling down.

And the rain came down and the floods came up,
the rain came down and the floods came up,
the rain came down and the floods came up,
and the house on the sand fell flat.



The Collect Prayer Of The Day & Bible Readings

*You may follow the bible readings on the Bible Notes
At the end of each reading the following words are used*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Rock of ages 582 Mission Praise

The Sermon

The Reverend Charles Royden

Hymn

How great thou art 506 Mission Praise

Prayers

**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.**

Hymn

Our eyes have seen the glory 549

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, peace and concord, and to us and all his servants life everlasting, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all evermore. Amen

We say to each other

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast that which is good, render to no-one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all people.

(words from 1 Thessalonians, quoted by The Queen in her Christmas Broadcast 2000)