



9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby**  
Archbishop of Canterbury

Your Grace,

I was greeted by the sudden news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the early hours of the morning in our part of the world. I ponder over the passing away of Her Majesty with deep and profound sadness.

Many descriptions can be ascribed to Her Late Majesty's life on earth - the longest reigning monarch in Great Britain, for that matter, in the world. To the Church of England, the Supreme Governor. To the people of the Great Britain, a symbol of stability, strength, courage and hope. To Her Late Majesty's family, a wife, a mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

Her Late Majesty was truly much more than all that have been mentioned. To the rest of the world, Her Late Majesty was a demonstration of Christlikeness, humility, wisdom, selfless service and gentleness, who has attracted due respect from royalties and commons alike, regardless of creed or race. To us in the Church, a sister in Christ, dearly loved and missed.

To Jesus, I believe, Her Late Majesty *has fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7)*. There is laid up for Her Late Majesty *the crown of righteousness*, and the words of Christ, "*Well done, good and faithful servant. Now, enter into the joy of your Lord*".

I, together with the Bishops and all in the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia, join our hearts with Your Grace, the Church of England and the people of Great Britain to mourn the death of Her Late Majesty, and at the same time, to celebrate the fruitful and illustrious life of Her Late Majesty, marked and remembered as a faithful witness of Christ.



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Please be assured of our prayers for Your Grace, the Royal family and the new King. May the peace and comfort of God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit be so close and personal to all who grieve at this time.

Yours in Christ,

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