

Reflection Monday Week 25 Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II 19 09 2022

On this funeral day of Queen Elizabeth let us listen to her 1952 Christmas broadcast:

Each Christmas, at this time, my beloved father broadcast a message to his people in all parts of the world. Today I am doing this to you, who are now my people.

At Christmas our thoughts are always full of our homes and our families.

Many grave problems and difficulties confront us all, but with a new faith in the old and splendid beliefs given us by our forefathers, and the strength to venture beyond the safeties of the past, I know we shall be worthy of our duty.

Above all, we must keep alive that courageous spirit of adventure that is the finest quality of youth; and by youth I do not just mean those who are young in years; I mean too all those who are young in heart, no matter how old they may be. That spirit still flourishes in this old country and in all the younger countries of our Commonwealth.

At my coronation, I shall dedicate myself anew to your service...

At her coronation, 2nd June 1953 she said:

The ceremonies you have seen today are ancient, and some of their origins are veiled in the mists of the past. But their spirit and their meaning shine through the ages never, perhaps, more brightly than now. I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust.

I have behind me not only the splendid traditions and the annals of more than a thousand years but the living strength and majesty of the Commonwealth and empire; of societies old and new; of lands and races different in history and origins but all, by God's will, united in spirit and in aim.

Therefore, I am sure that this, my coronation, is not the symbol of a power and a splendour that are gone but a declaration of our hopes for the future, and for the years I may, by God's grace and mercy, be given to reign and serve you as your Queen.

And she did!!!

Dear God, we thank you for your good and faithful servant, Queen Elizabeth II. She served you and this country faithfully during her many, many years on the throne and we will miss her. We give thanks for her great work in keeping the Commonwealth together, her desire to see children and young people flourish and lead, and her understanding that the Earth is a special place to be nurtured and preserved for future generations, to continue in the years to come. We thank you for her life and all we have learned about being a good and faithful servant through remembering and celebrating her life. Amen