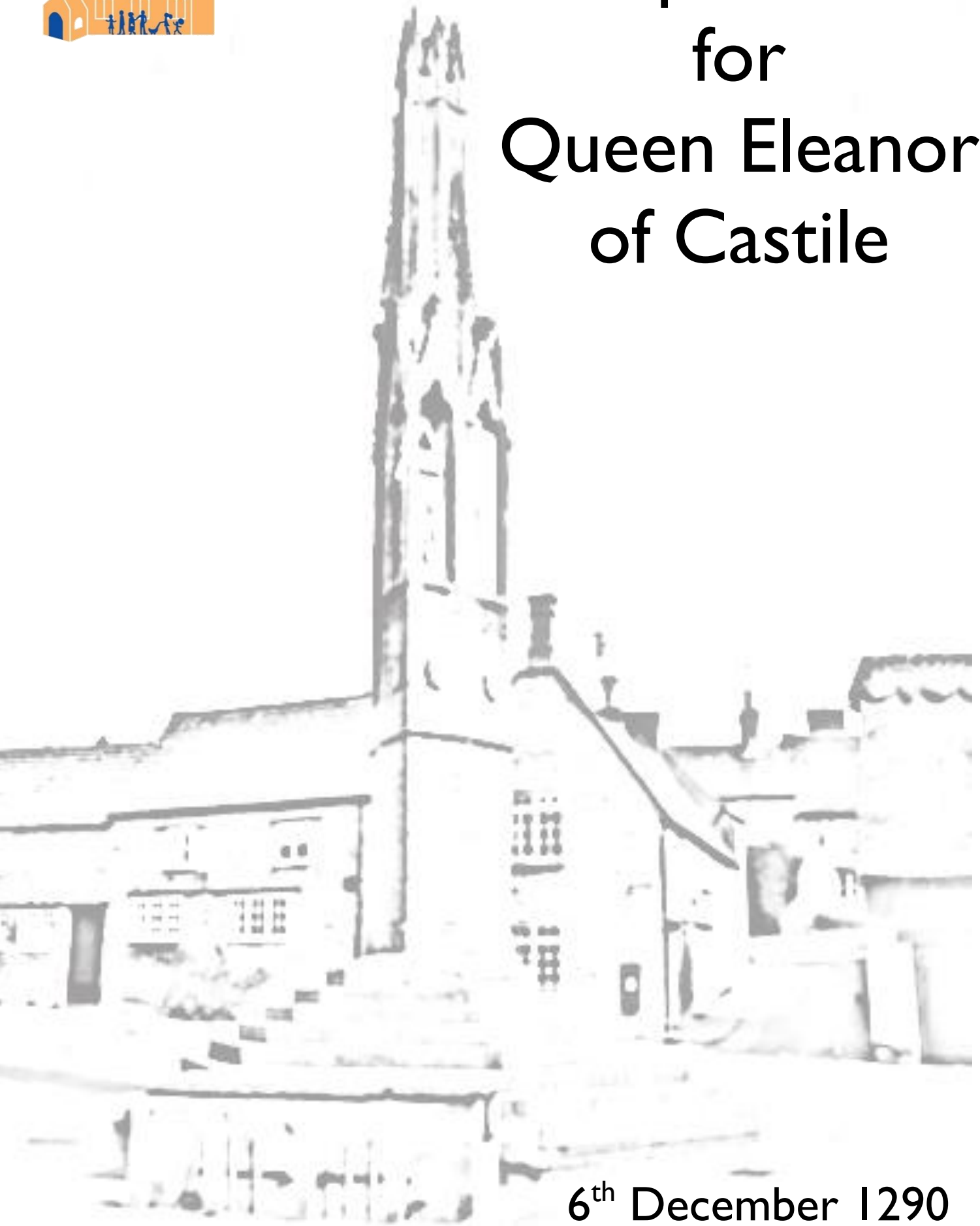




# A Requiem Mass for Queen Eleanor of Castile



6<sup>th</sup> December 1290

## *Introduction*

Eleanor was born in the Los Heulgas Abbey in Burgos, Spain in 1244. She was one of the many children of Ferdinand III King of Castile and Leon. At this same Abbey in 1254 she married Edward, who on the death of Henry III was to become Edward I, the most powerful of all the Plantagenet Kings. He was 15 and she was 9.

History records that both stayed on many occasions at their royal palace at Geddington attending the church (originally Saxon but it was the Normans who created the Church we see today) and enjoyed hunting on the Chase. On 28th November 1290, while on her way to join the King in Scotland, the Queen was taken gravely ill and died at Harby, Nr Lincoln. Her body was taken to and entombed in Westminster Abbey. The King was so grief stricken he gave orders that every place where her bier had rested a cross be erected in her memory. In total there were 12 crosses, but today only three remain. The best-preserved of these lies at the centre of the village of Geddington. It represents her love for the area that the bier rested here on 7th December 1290.

## *Queen Eleanor Hymn*

**In Geddington, around the Cross;  
Each day brings mention of your name  
And visitors who idly pause  
Then hear a little of your fame  
Queen Eleanor, remembered still  
Your name is honoured here today.**

**To be one day a prince's bride  
Your royal birth set you apart  
The path of duty turned to joy  
When Edward won your hand and heart  
Queen Eleanor, child of a King,  
Your name is honoured here today.**

**You travelled, here and far away,  
Beside your husband, through the years  
Until your illness and your death  
Left him in grief and lonely tears.  
Queen Eleanor, loved by a King,  
Your name is honoured here today.**

**Close by the palace you had graced  
Your body in this Church was laid  
And we who worship here today  
Have come to keep the promise made  
Queen Eleanor, at rest with God  
Your name is honoured here today.**

## *Gathering*

All stand

**+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

Man born of woman has but a short time to live.  
We have our fill of sorrow.  
We blossom like a flower and wither away.  
We slip away like a shadow and do not stay.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

In the midst of life we are in death;  
where can we turn for help?  
Only to you, Lord,  
who are justly angered by our sins.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

Shut not your ears to our prayers,  
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

You know the secrets of our hearts;  
forgive us our sins.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

Eternal and merciful judge,  
both in life and when we come to die,  
let us not fall away from you.

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy and merciful Saviour,  
do not abandon us to the bitterness of eternal death.**

## Kyrie

All sit

*Eternal rest grant them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion,  
and a vow shall be paid to Thee in  
Jerusalem.*

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion,  
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

*O Lord, hear my prayer,  
all flesh shall come to Thee.*

Exaudi orationem meam,  
ad te omnis caro veniet.

*Lord have mercy on us.  
Christ have mercy on us.  
Lord have mercy on us.*

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

## The Collect

All stand

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer:  
grant us, with all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection;  
that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

O Lord our God, on this commemoration of Queen Eleanor of Castile, look with favour on those who have walked this path before us and we see no longer; protect the souls of your servant Eleanor and all the faithful and show us due mercy and clemency, we pray, as our time to be reunited with you approaches. Look not on our iniquities, but on our good works for we know that without you we are worth nothing and without your Son we cannot be saved. Through our belief in Him, overlook our offences and help us to use the time we have left to serve you and each other in ways of justice, service, honesty, love and peace. Through Him who reigns eternally at your right hand together with the Holy Spirit; one God now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Gospel Reading*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**+ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowds, “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

John 6.37–40

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

All sit for

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right,

O Lord our God;

**For you created all things:**

**and by your will they have their being.**

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right,

O Lamb who was slain:

**For by your blood you have ransomed for God**

**a kingdom of priests from every race and language,**

**from every people and nation.**

This is the will of him that sent me

that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me.

**And I will raise them up at the last day.**

Lord God, creator of all,

you have made us creatures of this earth,

but have also promised us a share in life eternal.

According to your promises,  
may all who have died in the peace of Christ  
share with your saints in the joy of heaven  
where there is neither sorrow nor pain,  
but life everlasting.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Hear us, O merciful Father,  
as we remember in love Queen Eleanor of Castile and  
those whom we have placed in your hands.

Acknowledge, we pray,  
the sheep of your own fold,  
lambs of your own flock,  
sinners of your redeeming.  
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,  
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

+ Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Pie Jesu*

All remain seated. Instrumental

*Blessed Lord Jesu, grant them rest,  
eternal rest.*

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem,  
sempiternam requiem.

*Liturgy of the Sacrament*

All Stand

*The Peace*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace,  
my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and  
grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

**Amen**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word, through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

## *Sanctus*

*Holy, Lord God of hosts.*

*God of power and might.*

*The heavens and the earth are full of*

*Thy glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Sanctus Dominus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth,

Pleni sunt coeli et terra

Gloria tua,

Hosanna in excelsis.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;



who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and  
gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St. Mary Magdalene,  
St. Mary the Virgin, Queen Eleanor of Castile  
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen**

Silence is kept

## *The Lord's Prayer*

All remain standing for

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith and trust we say:

**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.**

## *The Breaking of the Bread*

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:  
those who eat of this bread, will live for ever.

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*All sit*

## *Agnus Dei*

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world: grant them rest.*

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world: grant them eternal rest.*

*May light eternal shine upon them, O  
Lord,  
with Thy saints forever, for Thou art kind.*

*Eternal rest give to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona eis requiem,*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona eis requiem, sempiternam  
requiem.*

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine.  
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia  
pius es.*

*Requiem aeternam, dona eis Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

## *The Dismissal*

All remain seated for

## *The Prayer after Communion*

God of love,  
may the death and resurrection of Christ,  
which we have celebrated in this Eucharist,  
bring us, with all the faithful departed,  
into the peace of your eternal home.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our rock and our salvation,  
to whom be glory for time and for eternity. **Amen**

## *The Blessing*

All stand

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Neither death nor life can separate us  
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the departed through the love and mercy of God rest in peace.  
**And rise in Glory. Amen.**

## *In Paradisum*

All sit

*May the angels receive them in Paradise,  
at thy coming may the martyrs receive  
thee and bring thee into the holy city  
Jerusalem.*

*There may the chorus of angels receive  
thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar,  
may thou have eternal rest.*

*In paradisum deducant angeli:  
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,  
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam  
Jerusalem.*

*Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,  
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere  
aeternam habeas requiem.*

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