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Dear Friends,

As I am sure you know by now Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, died this afternoon. She has served the Commonwealth for more than 70 years during times of momentous change across the world.

On her accession to the throne in 1952, Her Majesty promised to do her duty to her life's end, and we have seen that to be true over these many decades. Not only was the Queen faithful to her promise, but she also displayed her strong Christian faith throughout her reign.

For most of us we have not known a time when the Queen was not our monarch, so it is with sadness that we mark her death and give thanks for her life and work.

As we remember Her Majesty let us pray for our new King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla as they mourn her loss and take up new duties. We also pray for the other members of the Royal Family.

Let us pray,
Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
For her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless us as we mourn her death
And may her example continue to inspire us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+David Fredericton