This article from 1957 recollects a visit to Ottawa by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. On that occasion, the message delivered at St John's reflected on the connection to her as a person and her personality. Of course, as the Queen, she was also tied inextricably as the head of the Anglican Church in England.

For most of us, we have only known Queen Elizabeth as the titular monarch over the UK and commonwealth nations, as she assumed the crown in 1952. She has been a rare constant for over 70 years during a time of extraordinary and fast-paced change and has often provided perspective and leadership in challenging times.

We pray at this time for the Royal Family for their loss in their time of grief. We also pray for King Charles III and the Queen Consort Camilla as they take up their duties even while grieving their very personal loss.

While the nature of our connection is constantly adjusting and changing, it is as true today as it was in 1957, that there is a link between us as Canadians and Anglicans.

God grant your servant, Queen Elizabeth, peace, even as you grant wisdom to King Charles III in the coming days.

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Anglicans Honor Queen's Visit

"Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the Church of Jesus always will remain."

This was the theme of the Sunday morning sermon of Rev. William J. Robinson, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, as he joined other clergy of the Anglican Communion in making particular reference to the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Ottawa.

"We are in a real way linked together because of Her person and personality," said Mr. Robinson.

He added:

"Whether the Monarchy continues forever is not known . . . But the reign of Christ is supreme."

The congregation of St. John's, like members of some other uptown denominations, was able to catch a glimpse of the Royal Couple following the Sunday morning service.