

St Stephen's Church, Canterbury



A Service of Commemoration for
His Royal Highness
The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
10th June 1921 – 9th April 2021

Friday 16th April 2021
6.00pm

Welcome to this evening's Commemoration Service for HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Current Covid-19 restrictions require that members of the congregation aged over 11 years old wear a face-mask at all times (except those who are leading worship). Please ensure that there is at least 2 metres between members of different households; suitably distanced spaces have been marked out in the nave.

Unfortunately, congregations are currently unable to join in with singing out-loud, but we hope that you will be able to worship through the music sung by our choir.

Many of our services are live-streamed on our YouTube channel with links from our website; please see <https://www.ststephenscanterbury.net> for more information.

A hearing loop is fitted in the church: please set your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

A large print copy of this Order of Service is available on the table at the back of church.

After a period of silence, we STAND and the Minister says:

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25, 26

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27

We remain STANDING as the choir sing the hymn:

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Words: ISAAC WATTS (1674–1748)

Music: ‘St Anne’, WILLIAM CROFT (1678–1727)

Minister In the name of Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father, grace, mercy and peace be with you.

We meet this day to remember before God His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

Then the minister says

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls: you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness, who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servant PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, that death may be for him the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign, one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever. Amen.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The congregation SITS as the choir remains STANDING to sing Psalm 23:

Chant: THOMAS ATTWOOD WALMISLEY (1814–56)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd :
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture :
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul :
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no
evil :
for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :
thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The congregation STANDS.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

We SIT.

The Lesson

Revelation 21:1–7

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All

Anthem

*Iustorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.

Words: Offertory for the Feast of All Saints; Wisdom 3:1–2a,3b
Music: CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852–1924)
Sung in Latin

Reflection

Reverend Kevin Maddy, Rector of St Stephen's.

Prayers

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **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.**

Minister The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
All **And there shall no torment touch them.**

Minister You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
All **My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

Minister I will walk before the Lord
All **In the land of the living.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, for the love he received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Philip that clearer vision, promised to us in the same Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, the members of the Royal Family, this Nation and all the Nations of the Commonwealth, that casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who, for the finishing of thy work, laid down his life for us, even our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

based on the prayer of Sir Francis Drake (c. 1540–1596)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end.

All **Amen.**

after John Donne (1571–1631)

Gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

St Benedict (c. 480–543)

We STAND and the choir sing the hymn:

ETERNAL Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 Most sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: WILLIAM WHITING (1825–78)

Music: 'Melita', J. B. DYKES (1823–76)

COMMENDATION

We remain STANDING.

Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, PHILIP,
Duke of Edinburgh. Enlighten him with your holy grace and suffer him
never to be separated from you, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

after St Edmund of Abingdon (1170–1240)

The Kontakion for the Departed is sung by the choir

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of earth,
and unto earth shall we return.
For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying,
‘Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.’
All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o’er the grave we make our song:
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Words: Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed

Tr W. J. BIRKBECK (1869–1916)

Music: Kiev Melody

Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear,
die in your favour, rest in your peace,
rise in your power and reign in your glory;
for your own beloved Son’s sake,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

William Laud (1573–1645)

May God in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed, rest and
peace.

All **Amen.**

The Choir sings 'In paradisum'

In paradisum deducant te Angeli; in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere æternam habeas requiem.

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem. May choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once a poor man, may you have eternal rest.

Music: From 'Requiem' Op. 48, GABRIEL FAURÉ (1845–1924)
Sung in Latin

THE BLESSING

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

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