**A special service marking**

**the death of His late Royal Highness**

**The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

**Sunday 11th April 2021**

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*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor

things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38,39*

*The minister says*

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.

O Lord, open thou our lips

***All* and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise**

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.

***All*** **Amen.**

***All*****Glory 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.**

**Hymn –** *All my hope on God is founded*

# All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

# Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

**Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

**Psalm 23**

***All*** **The Lord is my shepherd;**

**therefore can I lack nothing.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures**

**and leads me beside still waters.**

**He shall refresh my soul**

**and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me**

**in the presence of those who trouble me;**

**you have anointed my head with oil**

**and my cup shall be full.**

**Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Glory 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.**

**Bible reading – 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.

***All*****Thanks be to God.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

***All*** **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :**

**according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen :**

**thy salvation;**

**Which thou hast prepared :**

**before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :**

**and to be the glory of thy people Israel**

**Glory 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.**

**Gospel Reading *–*** *John 20.19-end*

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

**19**The day was Sunday, and that same evening the followers were together. They had the doors locked because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them. He said, “Peace be with you!” **20**As soon as he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the followers saw the Lord, they were very happy.

**21**Then Jesus said again, “Peace be with you. It was the Father who sent me, and I am now sending you in the same way.” **22**Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23**If you forgive the sins of anyone, their sins are forgiven. If there is anyone whose sins you don’t forgive, their sins are not forgiven.”

**24**Thomas (called Didymus) was one of the twelve, but he was not with the other followers when Jesus came. **25**They told him, “We saw the Lord.” Thomas said, “That’s hard to believe. I will have to see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe it.”

**26**A week later the followers were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you!” **27**Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

**28**Thomas said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

**29**Jesus said to him, “You believe because you see me. Great blessings belong to the people who believe without seeing me!”

**30**Jesus did many other miraculous signs that his followers saw, which are not written in this book. **31**But these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name.

**Reflection**

***Anthem –*** *God be in my head*

God be in my head, and in my thinking.  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.  
Oh, God be in my heart, and in my understanding.

**Time of Prayer**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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.**

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

***All*****And there shall no torment touch them.**

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

***All*****My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

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.**

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us,

with your servant Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,

and 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.

***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.**

**Litany of thanksgiving**

As we mourn the death of Prince Philip, let us give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all whose devotion to him has sustained the life of our Church and nation:

Let us bless the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, His Late Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and all the Royal Family; for the ministers of the Crown and all who bear the privilege and burden of government:

Let us bless the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

For all people touched by the Duke of Edinburgh’s devotion to public service:

Let us bless the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

For our own lives, giving thanks for all who have gone before, and asking that we might go forward with confidence and hope:

Let us bless the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

O God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,

grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us

all the days of our lives,

that we may ever trust in your unfailing love;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

***All* Amen.**

**Commendation**

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.

May God in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed,

rest and peace.

***All*****Amen.**

*We observe a period of silence.*

**Hymn –** *O God, our help in ages past*

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.

**The Blessing**

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,

and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son

and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

***All*****Amen.**

**The National Anthem**

***All* 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.**