

**A special service marking
the death of His late Royal Highness
THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

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

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 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 Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

PSALM 23

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 Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

A reading from John 14: 1-6

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

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.**

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

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

All I will walk before the Lord
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.**

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.

**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:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Orthodox kontakion for the departed

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

All **Amen.**

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

THE BLESSING

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and may God give you his blessing
on this holy day and for evermore.
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.