

# Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh

6pm Friday 16th April 2021

## Gathering

### Attending this Service in Church

Service Sheets will be available in church, but you are welcome to download an onscreen version and follow this on a phone or tablet.

It is required that face coverings should be worn by everyone in church. We welcome this as part making church services as safe as possible for people to attend, and as a sign of our desire to protect others from possible infection.

### Logging on to the Live Stream

1. The live stream will start at about 5.55pm as people are gathering in church.
2. Go to our website [www.stmaryletower.org.uk](http://www.stmaryletower.org.uk) and find the “**LIVE Streamed Services**” title and click to go to our **Facebook Live** page.
3. Click on the service video. When the video opens you will need to click on the loudspeaker icon to unmute it and hear the sound.

### Music before the Service

Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’ - *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*Following coronavirus guidance there are no formal processions in the service. Please remain seated as the choir and the minister take their seats before the service.*

### Introit sung by the choir

words by Alfred, Lord Tennyson  
music by C H H Parry

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

### Introduction and Welcome

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.

### Opening Responses (*Lucas*)

*Please stand.*

*O Lord, open thou our lips:  
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us:  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
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.  
Praise ye the Lord:  
The Lord's name be praised.*

## Listening for the Word from God

### Psalm 121 *Please sit*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

*Please stand for the GLORIA.*

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.

## New Testament Reading

**Romans 8.31-39** *Please sit.*

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

Thanks be to God.

## Hymn sung by the choir

*Please stand. Due to Coronavirus regulations, it is sadly not currently permitted for the congregation to sing. Please follow the words and sing them in your heart.*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him,  
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Praise him, praise him,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him, praise him,  
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Praise him, praise him,  
praise with us the God of grace.

## Sermon

*Revd Canon Charles Jenkin, Vicar*

## Anthem sung by Choristers

*Music: G F Handel*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

*(Job 19: 25-26)*

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that Sleep.

*(1 Corinthians 15: 20)*

## Litany (Lucas)

*The Lord be with you:*

And with thy spirit.

*Let us pray.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*

And grant us thy salvation.

*O Lord, save the Queen.*

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Endue thy ministers with righteousness.*

And make thy chosen people joyful.

*O Lord, save thy people.*

And bless thine inheritance.

*Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

*O God, make clean our hearts within us.*

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collects

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

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. **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. **Amen.**

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

## Anthem sung by the choir

*Music: J Ireland.*

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can the floods drown it.  
Love is strong as death.  
Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins  
in his own body on the tree, that we,  
being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.  
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,  
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus;  
Ye are a chosen generation,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
that ye should shew forth the praises  
of him who hath called you  
out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,  
holy, acceptable unto God,  
which is your reasonable service.

## Commendation

*Please all stand until after the National Anthem.*

### Second Reading

*Read by Councillor Jane Riley, Mayor of Ipswich*

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.'

*Louise Haskins (1875–1958)*

*quoted by King George VI in his Christmas Broadcast, 1939*

### Prayer of 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. **Amen.**

*after St Edmund of Abingdon (1170–1240)*

### Canticle of God's Blessing

*Dyson in D.*

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 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.

## Blessing

*Please remain standing.*

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.

## Organ Voluntary

Elegy – George Thalben-Ball

*Please sit.*

*The live stream continues until the end of the voluntary.*

*Thank you for being part of this service, whether you have attended in church or on line. Go in peace.*