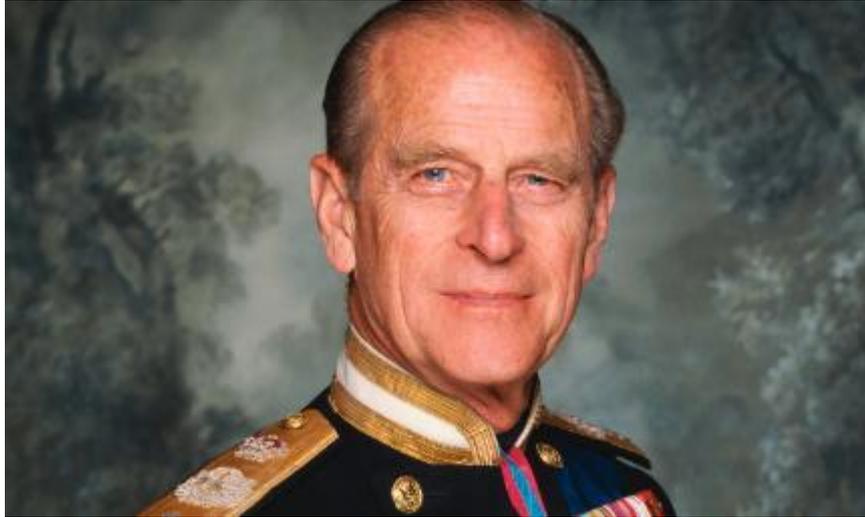




PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL



**A service of Choral Evensong
with prayers of commemoration and
thanksgiving
for the life of
His Royal Highness
The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

Friday April 16th 2021

5.30pm

Introduction to this service

This service offers an opportunity to give thanks for the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and to commend him without reservation to the God he served.

The Duke of Edinburgh served the nation with enormous distinction since his marriage to the then Princess Elizabeth in 1947. Patron to over 780 organisations and Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, his sense of duty and commitment to the common good have, throughout his long life, offered a remarkable counterpoint to the Queen's own devoted service to the nation. For over 70 years, his dedication, faithfulness and strength of character were a pillar, not only of the Royal Family, but of our country and the Commonwealth.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

The service is sung by Peterborough Cathedral Choir

For everyone's safety, please follow the instructions below:

- *Please maintain a 2m distance from anyone not in your family or "bubble", and please **do not** mingle with others inside the Cathedral after the service*
- *Please use hand sanitiser as you enter the Cathedral*
- *Congregational singing is currently not permitted*
- *Please leave as directed by the Stewards, maintaining distances.*
- *The collection will be taken as you leave. Please consider giving by contactless card donation. Envelopes are available if you don't have a card.*

Thank you for your understanding!

Order of Service

Introduction and Welcome

The Very Reverend Christopher Dalliston, Dean of Peterborough

Opening Sentences

Christ has risen from the dead,
by death he has trampled on death
and to those in the graves he has given life.

Orthodox Easter hymn

Today at this service, as we remember before God
His Royal Highness Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,
we renew our trust and confidence in Christ,
and we ask that together we may be one in him,
through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

The Precentor and Choir sing the **Preces**

Precentor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Precentor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Precentor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir: *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.

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

The Choir sings the **Office Hymn**

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

under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

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.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
Tune: St Anne

The Choir sings **Psalm 121**

1 I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

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

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

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

Please stand

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.

First Reading Wisdom 3:1-9

read by Benjamyn Damazer, HM Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Choir sings The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

*Music: Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)
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Second Reading Romans 8:28–39

read by Isabel Jackson, Duke of Edinburgh Award holder

A reading from the letter to the Romans

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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.

Please stand as the Choir sings **Nunc Dimittis**

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.

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Remain standing to say **The Apostles' Creed**

All: I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell:
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Responses

Precentor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Precentor: 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.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

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

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

Precentor: Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: 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.

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

Anthem

How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts!
My soul ever longeth and fainteth sore for the blest courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh do cry to God, to the living God.
How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts!
Blessed are they that in thy house are dwelling:
they ever praise thee, O Lord.

*Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–97)
from Ein Deutsches Requiem 1868*

Words: Psalm 84: 1, 3

Prayers

led by The Reverend Canon Ian Black, Vicar of Peterborough

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of your people, as we remember before you His Royal Highness Philip, Duke of Edinburgh: and grant that we who confess your name on earth may with him be made perfect in the kingdom of your glory; through Jesus 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.**

God of our lives, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for the love he shared among us, and for his devotion to duty. We entrust him now to your love and mercy, through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.** *St Benedict (c. 480–543)*

*The prayers end with the **Grace:***

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*The Choir sings the **Hymn***

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 for 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.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

Tune: Praise, my soul

*The Dean gives the **Blessing***

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 majesty and glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you now and always.
Amen.

*The Choir sings 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!

The Dean leads the **Prayer of Commendation**

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

The Dean: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,
and unto earth shall we return.

For so you ordained when you created me, saying:

‘Dust you are and to dust you shall return.’

All of us go down to the dust,

yet weeping at the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed

As the clergy depart, the Choir sings:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

*Words: Numbers 6: 24-26
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Organ Voluntary

Crown Imperial

William Walton (1902-1983)

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Thank you for your consideration.

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