

Service Sheet for Live Stream

A Service in commemoration and Thanksgiving for the life of
His Late Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Thursday 15th April 2021, 7pm



WELCOME to St. Peter's Church at this time of national mourning, and to this service in which we remember with gratitude the life and service to this nation of His Late Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

PREPARING THE SPACE...

Please feel free to message and commune during the service as you are so inspired to do. There will be people you recognise who are gathered with you and feel free to say hello to them and to say hello to those whom you don't yet know ☺ Perhaps you might like to light a candle, still yourself as you listen to the music, and allow yourself to take time out and rest in the peace of the time to come as we gather together to worship, reflect and pray....

Let's give thanks that as St Beale's online community, we join as one with St Peter's as a Church family together in fellowship.

OPENING SENTENCES, INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

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*)

We brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. (*1 Timothy 6:7, Job 1:21*)

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

Support us O Lord, all the day long of our lives, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN sung by St Martin's Voices

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, will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, 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.

O God, make speed to save us. **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.

CONFIDENCE IN A TIME OF LOSS Reading - Isaiah 40:27-31

Read by Jim Jeffery

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my cause is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

HOPE in DARKNESS Reading - Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Read by Frank Wilkes

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God

HYMN - Sung by St Martin's Voices

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

ADDRESS

HYMN – Sung by St Martin's Voices

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, weary, and worn, and sad;

I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink, and live.'

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright:'

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

PRAYERS - *Led by Ian Lapworth*

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

And there shall no torment touch them.

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

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. Amen.

Eternal God, Creator of the universe and Lord of all life, we have come together to remember the life of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We give thanks for his long life, his devotion and support to Her Majesty, the Queen, and we recall with gratitude his devotion to duty, his service in the Royal Navy and his support for many causes. Now we pray that he may know the joys of your everlasting kingdom, where sorrow and pain are no more. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. 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. 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.**

Anthem - for quiet reflection in which to offer our own prayers and remember our own loved ones... Sung by St Martin's Voices

(O) God of hope and Lord of healing, we come to you in prayer.
In our living and our dying, you promise to be there.

For the weak we ask your courage, and your patience for the strong;
stay with those whose pain is sharpest and those enduring long. *Refrain*

O provide for all the weary your precious gift of sleep;
with the glad let us be joyful, and weep with those who weep. *Refrain*

By the grace of your forgiveness, by virtue of your word,
by the sacrament which brings us the comfort of our Lord. *Refrain*

By the life he freely gave us, and the cross to which he came,
by the glory of his kingdom, the power of his name:

Come to meet your praying people, be with us as we kneel;
come to help us, God our Saviour, for you alone can heal. *Refrain*

As Jesus himself taught us, we pray:

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.

COMMENDATION

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. **Amen.** (*William Laud (1573–1645)*)

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)*)

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

HYMN - *Sung by Huddersfield Choral Society & Joseph Cullen*

And did those feet in ancient time walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight, nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land.

BLESSING

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed, rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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.

God Bless, and prayers for safekeeping and wellbeing go with you
from Revs Sandy and Jacqueline