



*Service of Thanksgiving
in memory of
His Royal Highness,
Prince Philip,
The Duke of Edinburgh
10 June 1921 – 9 April 2021*

*Friday 16 April 2021
7.30pm*

St Edward the Confessor
The Parish Church of Romford



A warm welcome to this Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the life of His Late Royal Highness Prince Philip, offered on behalf of the Mayor & Aldermen of the London Borough of Havering. On account of the pandemic, and in accordance with the regulations issued by Her Majesty's Government, the hymns will be sung by the Wykeham Singers on our behalf. Members of the congregation are requested to wear face-coverings and maintain social distancing for the duration of the service. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Prelude: Mazurka in A Minor Op. 17 No. 4 – Frédéric Chopin (1810-49)

The choir sings the Introit Hymn

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.

Music: St Anne attr. William Croft (1678-1727)

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Sentences

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

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27

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

Welcome *by the Vicar of Romford, the Revd David Simpson*

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.

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest: Glory 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.

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.

Psalm 121

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.
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.

Chant: H Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Readings

Revelation 21: 1-7 read by Colonel Mark Bryant, MBE, DL, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, London Borough of Havering

‘The Gate of the Year’, Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957) read by Cllr John Mylod, Mayor, London Borough of Havering.

Motet

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

Words: Salisbury Diurnal Dr. G. H. Palmer (1846-1926)

Music: William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Address: *the Venerable Christopher Burke, Archdeacon of Barking*

Prayers

Priest: Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***People:* Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray with confidence:

**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,**

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

***People:* And there shall no torment touch them.**

Priest: You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

***People:* My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

Priest: I will walk before the Lord

***People:* In the land of the living.**

Prayers are offered for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip and for the Royal Family, concluding with the following 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.

The Kontakion for the Departed is sung

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:
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.
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

Prayer

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)

The Hymn is sung

'The kingdom is upon you!'
The voice of Jesus cries,
Fulfilling with its message
The wisdom of the wise;
It lightens with fresh insight
The striving human mind,
Creating new dimensions
Of faith for all to find.

'God's kingdom is upon you!'
The message sounds today,
It summons every pilgrim
To take the questing way,
With eyes intent on Jesus,
Our leader and our friend,
Who trod faith's road before us,
And trod it to the end.

The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit's breath,
We glory in its freedom
From emptiness and death;
We celebrate its purpose,
Its mission and its goal,
Alive with the conviction
That Christ can make us whole.

Words: Robert Willis (b.1947)

Music: Wolvercote William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

The Blessing *the Venerable Christopher Burke, Archdeacon of Barking*

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.

Postlude: *Nimrod' from the Enigma Variations - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*



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