

St Mary's Church, Thorpe

**Prayers on the day of the death of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh, 10 June 1921 - 9 April 2021.**

6pm Friday 9th April 2021

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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, for the love that he received from you and showed among us. 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.

All **Amen.**

HYMN FOR REFLECTION

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways:
reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord let us, like them, obey his word:
'Rise up and follow me, rise up and follow me!'**

**Drop your still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace, the beauty of your peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and your balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake,
wind and fire, O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!**

PRAYER

Support us O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life,
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.

All **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40.27-31

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right 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. This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 23

All **You are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

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

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. **R**

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

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4.4-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God our maker and redeemer.

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.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn, especially The Queen and all members of
the Royal Family. May they know the hope of your promises
and the comfort of your love at this time
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
founder of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
We remember his vision and imagination, his interest in young people and his
support for them. Inspire us with the same commitment to serve friend, neighbour,
and stranger alike, especially among young people today.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have
given us in and through the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
We give you thanks: for his long and full life; for his strength of character;
and for his devotion and service to family, nation and Commonwealth.

We praise you for: his generosity of service; the many contributions he made to our
national life and to charities across the globe and the encouragement he gave to so
many, especially to the young.
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us
all the days of our lives, that we may ever trust in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Lord our God, lover of souls,
you give light to those who walk in the shadow of death.
Remember your faithful servant, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
Receive him into your loving arms, that for him,
death may be the gate to life in your eternal presence;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

OUR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Let us pledge ourselves to anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

All **Lord God our Creator, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

All **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 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.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

You may like to use this prayer at home with children:

Loving God, we are sad that Prince Philip has died.

Thank you for his long life and for his care for The Queen and our country.

Thank you for loving us and for promising us a heavenly dwelling place of love.

Amen.