



**A Service of Prayer and Reflection across the
Diocese in Europe on the eve of the Funeral of
His late Royal Highness
THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

Presiders: The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Robert Innes
The Rt. Rev'd Dr. David Hamid

Responses: Pam Baker – Reader at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Gibraltar

Organ music before the service

Priere à Notre-Dame (Boëllmann)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 (J.S. Bach)

The Gathering

Funeral Sentences (setting by Croft)

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord :
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11.25-26

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand
at the latter day upon the earth.
And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God:
whom I shall see for myself,
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19.25-27

Bishop Robert

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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.

Romans 8:38

Greeting

Bishop Robert

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.

O God, make speed to save us.

PB 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.

PB Amen.

PB **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.**

The Readings

Old Testament

Read by The Reverend Smitha Prasadam, Chaplain of St Alban's Copenhagen

Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-30

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

This is the word of the Lord.

PB **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament

Read by The Reverend Canon Leslie Nathaniel, Archdeacon of the East and of Northern Europe

Revelation 21.1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Rev'd Canon Simon Godfrey - Chancellor, St Paul's, Malta

Anthem

Psalm 23

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Francis Rous (1579-1659), William Whittingham (1524-1579), Scottish Psalter (1650)

Prayers

Led by Bishop David

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

PB Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**PB 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.**

**PB The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
And there shall no torment touch them.**

**PB You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

**PB I will walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.**

Led by Rev'd Julian Wilson, Chaplain of Holy Trinity, Corfu

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.

PB 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

PB Amen.

Bishop David

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, the United Kingdom and all the Nations of the Commonwealth, that casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PB Amen.

Commendation

Bishop David

Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, PHILIP. Enlighten him with your holy grace and suffer him never to be separated from you, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

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

PB Amen.

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.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Blessing

Bishop Robert

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, 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.

PB Amen.

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