

A SERVICE IN COMMEMORATION OF
HIS LATE ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE PRINCE PHILIP,
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

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.

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

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

Today we remember before God His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh; we come 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.

Then the minister says

O God, make speed to save us.

People: **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.**

The following PSALM is said or sung

The Lord is my shepherd Psalm 23

The following LESSONS are read

Romans 8:28–39; Revelation 21:1–7

An ANTHEM or HYMN is sung

Burial Sentences: I know that my Redeemer liveth

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon 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.**

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

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

Minister: I will walk before the Lord
People: **In the land of the living.**

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.**

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 glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

after John Donne (1571–1631)

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.
St Benedict (c. 480–543)

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.

The Kontakion for the Departed may be said or 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

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)

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

Amen.

This, or some other HYMN, may be sung

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

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.