

# Special Commemoration Service in memory of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

## Gathering Music before service

Andante Tranquillo (Romance) by Finzi

## *Service Starts at 2:00pm*

## Introit

The life I now live by Boynton

## Introduction and opening prayers

Revd Tim Norwood (Area Dean)

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)

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

This service is being streamed live from the Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Central Milton Keynes. We would like to welcome you to this special event, which is happening in compliance with regulations and precautions relating to COVID-19.

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.

Rt Revd Alan Wilson (Bishop of Buckingham)

(Prayer on PPT)

Bishop: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Bishop: 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.**

## Psalm 23

Boynton (Recording)

## Reading: Revelation 21:1–7

The Mayor of Milton Keynes (Councillor Andrew Geary)

## Anthem

Behold I make all things new (Boynton)

## Addresses

- Countess Howe, HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire
- Madi Bulmer (Duke of Edinburgh Awards)
- Iain Stewart MP
- Reading from the Bhagavad Gita (Suresh Nesaratnam)
- Reading selection from the Psalms (Zvi Friedman)

## Anthem

In Paradisum by Faure (Recording)

## General Prayers

(Pat Kyd)

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.**

(Tabbie Macharia)

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.**

(Pat Kyd)

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.**

(Tabbie Macharia)

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.**

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who, for the finishing of thy work, laid down his life for us, even our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Pat Kyd)

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.**

Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our

hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer, Responses and Commendation**

Revd Ernesto Lozada-Uzuriaga (Vicar of Christ the Cornerstone)

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.**

Minister: 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.

after St Edmund of Abingdon (1170–1240)

## **Kontakion of the Departed**

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*

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

## **Hymn: Lord for the years**

### **Blessing**

Fr Francis Higgins (Catholic Priest of Christ the Cornerstone)

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.

## **Music after the service...**

Meditation by Massenet

Andante from Flute Sonata by Bach