

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



A County Service of Commemoration

giving thanks for the life of

**His Royal Highness The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh**

Choral Evensong

on

Friday 16 April 2021

3.30 pm



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Today's service takes place in the context of the Cathedral's daily service of Choral Evensong, loved by The Duke of Edinburgh, adapted for this occasion.

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

The people of Suffolk grieve the death of Prince Philip, a man of remarkable gifts whose life was forged in the fire of childhood adversity. We pray for Her Majesty The Queen, and all the Royal Family, for strength and peace at this time of loss.

We give thanks in this service for Prince Philip's long and full life and constant support for Her Majesty The Queen; for his strength of character; for his tireless public service and advocacy for causes which showed him to be ahead of his time; and for the encouragement he gave to so many, especially the young. His down-to-earth wit and self-deprecating sense of humour – in evidence during his visit to the Cathedral with Her Majesty to distribute the Maundy money – endeared him to the public in Suffolk, Great Britain and throughout the Commonwealth.

Music

The music at this afternoon's service will be provided by the Cathedral's Edmund Consort and Dan Soper, organist, under the direction of William Saunders, conductor.

Please note that, while hymns will be sung by the choir, congregational singing is not permitted within current pandemic guidelines.

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The Order of Service

As the congregation gathers, the following music is played on the organ

Organ Sonata No. 4 in B flat, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847

Allegro con brio

Andante religioso

Allegretto

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Please stand as the Lord Lieutenant, Her Majesty The Queen's representative in Suffolk, is escorted to her seat by the Dean.

The congregation remains standing as the Dean gives

The Welcome

Everyone remains standing as the Cathedral Edmund Consort sings

The Processional Hymn

Sadly, as part of continued pandemic restrictions, congregational singing is not permitted.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?

Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:

Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:

Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:

Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: Praise, my soul, John Goss, 1800-80

Everyone remains standing

Bishop We meet in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Bishop O God, make speed to save us.

All 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. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God forever.

Everyone sits for

The Psalm

*The Cathedral Edmund Consort sings this setting of words from Psalm 107.
The text refers to seafarers and reflects The Duke of Edinburgh's long association with the Royal Navy.*

They that go down to the sea in ships,
and occupy their business in great waters;

These men see the works of the Lord,
and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth,
which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They are carried up to the heaven,
and down again to the deep.
Their soul melteth away, because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
and are at their wits' end.

So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble
he delivereth them out of their distress.

For he maketh the storm to cease,
so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they are at rest;
and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

*Words: Psalm 107, Book of Common Prayer
Music: Herbert Sumsion, 1899–1995*

Everyone remains seated. The Lord Tollemache gives

A Reflection

The Lord Tollemache reflects on Prince Philip's associations with the County of Suffolk.

Everyone remains seated.

Clare, Countess of Euston, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk reads

The Pilot Psalm, Lowestoft

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.
He lights me across the dark waters.
He steers me in deep channels, he keeps my log.
He guides me by the star of holiness for his name's Sake.
Even though I sail mid the thunders and tempests of life,
I will dread no danger, for you are near me.
Your love and care, they shelter me.
You prepare a harbour for me on the homeland of eternity.
You anoint the waves with oil so my ship rides calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight will favour me on the voyage I take,
and I rest in the port of my God, forever.

*Words: a version of Psalm 23 for seafarers
attr. Captain John Roberts, 1874*

Everyone stands as the Cathedral Edmund Consort sing the following setting by Benjamin Britten – a ‘son of Suffolk’ – which was written for St George’s Chapel, Windsor at the request of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

Jubilate Deo in C

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Words: Psalm 100, Book of Common Prayer
Music: Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976*

Everyone sits.

Prince Philip was loyal to the peoples of different faiths across the Commonwealth. Mr Gurmeet Sually, Chair of the Ipswich Faith and Community Forum, reads the following extract from

The Gate of the Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”
And he replied:
“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

*Words: Minnie Louise Haskins, 1875-1957
Quoted by King George VI in his 1939
Christmas broadcast to the Commonwealth.*

Everyone remains seated.

Jake Saunders, a Year 13 student at County Upper School who is currently working towards his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, reads

The Scripture Reading

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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 8.28-39, NRSV

Thanks be to God.

Everyone stands as the Cathedral Edmund Consort sings

The Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Music: Evening Service in G, Op. 81,
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852–1924*

Everyone remains standing for

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life Everlasting. Amen.**

Precentor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Precentor Let us pray.

Everyone sits or kneels for the

Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects

Sung by the Canon Precentor and Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Choir O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

Choir O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Choir Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

Choir O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Choir Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Choir O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with thy servant Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Third Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music: The Responses, Humphrey Clucas b.1941

Everyone sits as the Cathedral Edmund Consort sings

I was Glad

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122.1-3,6,7, BCP

Music: CHH Parry, 1848 –1918

Sung at the coronation of HM The Queen

Everyone remains seated for

The Sermon

given by
The Right Reverend Dr Martin Seeley
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Everyone stands as the Cathedral Edmund Consort sings

The Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
 And ever let there rise to thee
 Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting 1825-78
Music: Melita, John Bacchus Dykes, 1823-76

Everyone sits or kneels.

Prayers are led by students from the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, reflecting The Duke of Edinburgh's long association with the Royal Navy. Thomas Lockyer and Izzy Botley are Year 11 students currently participating in The Duke of Edinburgh Award and Thomas is a DofE Ambassador for the school.

God of eternity,
as we remember before you
His Royal Highness Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
hear the prayers of your people.
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 pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord have mercy.

We praise you for his generosity;
the many contributions he made to our national life;
and the encouragement he gave to so many,
especially to the young.
We pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord have mercy.

In this Easter season,
we give thanks that your Son, crucified Saviour,
entrusted to each other Mary his mother and John the beloved disciple:
sustain all who mourn this day,
Her Majesty The Queen
the members of the Royal Family,
this Nation and all the Nations of the Commonwealth,
that casting all cares on you,
we may know the consolation of your love.
We pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord have mercy.

O Lord,
support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shades lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life over and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest,
and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*As a time for reflection after the prayers, Theo Geileskey, student at King Edward VI School
and current Duke of Edinburgh Award participant plays*

Chopin's 'Prélude in E Minor'
Op. 28, No. 4

Everyone stands.

Lt Cdr (Retd) Nigel M Griffiths QGM, Royal Hospital School Head of Ceremonial & Royal Naval Liaison Officer, leads

The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant Philip 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:
Alleluia!

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant Philip with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

*Words: Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed, reflecting
Prince Philip's Greek Orthodox heritage*

Everyone remains standing as The Bishop gives

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his 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.

The Cathedral Edmund Consort sings

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.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour,
long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause,
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

Homage to Elgar
Martin How, b.1931

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