

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



# Requiem Mass

*in thanksgiving for the life of*

**HRH, The Prince Philip,  
Duke of Edinburgh**

Saturday 10 April 2021  
Noon

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## ¶ Order of Service

*The Paschal Candle, the sign of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, is alight throughout the service as the reminder of God's promise that the death of a Christian is the gate to life eternal.*

*There will be music from the organ before the service.*

## The Gathering

*All stand.*

*After words of welcome, everyone stands and the President says*

**All** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

**All** We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory ✠ of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

**All** Grace and mercy be with you  
**and also with you.**

**All** Almighty God,  
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice  
and love everything you have made.  
As we remember before you The Prince Philip,  
in your mercy turn the darkness of death  
into the dawn of new life,  
and the sorrow of parting  
into the joy of heaven;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon      God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. We have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.  
As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

*The Edmund Consort sing*

Introit et Kyrie  
*Requiem, Gabriel Fauré*

## The Absolution

President    May God our Father  
forgive you ✠ and free you from your sins  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit  
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.  
**Amen.**

*All remain standing as the President prays*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

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;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

**All            Amen.**

*All sit.*

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

*All sit for*

### **The First Reading**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

*2 Corinthians 4.16-5.4 NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

All stand for

## The Gospel

President Alleluia, alleluia.  
'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'.

**All Alleluia.**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

*John 6.35-40, NRSV*

**All** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

President In peace let us pray to the Lord for the departed.

*All sit or kneel as the deacon leads the*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ is the bread from heaven,  
and you satisfy the hungry with good things:  
we bring before you all the departed,  
that they might share the banquet of your kingdom.  
We pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord have mercy.**

At this time we bless your holy name for all that you have  
given us in and through the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.  
We pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord have mercy.**

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 Paschal season, we give thanks that your Son,  
crucified Saviour, entrusted to each other Mary his mother  
and John the beloved disciple:  
sustain now Her Majesty The Queen  
and all who mourn this day.  
We pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord have mercy.**



We thank you that Jesus is our way and truth and life, who  
drew his disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:  
Reveal the resurrection faith to us  
and to all who doubt your heart of love.  
We pray to you, O Lord.

**All**      **Lord have mercy.**

Heavenly Father,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,  
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

## ¶      *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand.*

### **The Peace**

President      Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts  
be troubled, neither let them be afraid.  
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. Alleluia!  
**And also with you. Alleluia.**

Deacon      Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*If you have other members of your household with you, you may wish to share  
the peace with them now. If are alone, know Christ's Peace to be with you now.*

As the altar is prepared the following is sung during

## The Preparation of the Table


Pie Jesu  
*Requiem, Gabriel Fauré*

Everyone remains standing as the President prays

God of life,  
may all who are called to a place at your table  
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.  
**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The President and Edmund Consort sing the *Sursum Corda*.



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

Lift \_\_\_ up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because through him you have given us the hope  
of a glorious resurrection;  
so that, although death comes to us all,  
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;  
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;  
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside  
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*The Edmund Consort sing Sanctus from Requiem, Gabriel Fauré.*

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Deacon     Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**All**         **Dying you destroyed our death,  
                 rising you restored our life:  
                 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President    And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
                 his perfect sacrifice made once  
                 for the sins of the whole world;  
                 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
                 and glorious ascension,  
                 and looking for his coming in glory,  
                 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
James, Edmund, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All**         **Amen.**

*All sit or kneel as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung.*

*Silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

President Rejoicing in God's new creation, we pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, saying

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

President Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

*The Edmund Consort sings the*

## **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei  
*Requiem, Gabriel Fauré*

## Spiritual Communion

*‘Spiritual Communion’ is a historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically. It is possible because Communion is always a spiritual practice and not simply physical. Through God’s grace, whilst we cannot receive the bread and wine, we can still receive the sacrament in our hearts, and share in communion with Jesus. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere who cannot receive the bread and wine at this time. The following prayer is one form of words to use for Spiritual Communion.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

## The Communion

*During Communion the Edmund Consort and sings*

Libera me  
*Requiem, Gabriel Fauré*

## Prayer after Communion

*All sit or kneel as silence is kept.*

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All stand for*

## The Blessing

President    The Lord be with you  
**All**        **and also with you.**

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.

**Amen.**

*All remain standing. The Edmund Consort sing*

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.

*All remain standing for*

## **The Dismissal**

Deacon            With the risen life of the Lord within you,  
                         go in the peace of Christ.  
                         Alleluia, alleluia!

**All**                **Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The procession departs as the organist plays*

## **The Voluntary**