

*Evening Prayer*  
*Friday, 9 April 2021*  
*Remembering HRH Duke of Edinburgh*

**Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
**let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

***Prayer of thanksgiving***

Eternal God, our heavenly Father,  
we bless your holy name for all that you have given us  
in and through the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.  
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 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.  
Accept our thanks and praise,  
we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

***This opening prayer may be said***

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Word of God

### *Psalmody*

#### *The appointed psalmody is said.*

#### *Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.<sup>[a]</sup>

He leads me in right paths<sup>[a]</sup>  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>

I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely<sup>[a]</sup> goodness and mercy<sup>[a]</sup> shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.<sup>[a]</sup>

**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.**

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints:  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:  
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.  
For so you ordained when you created me, saying:

'Dust you are and to dust you shall return.'

All of us go down to the dust, yet weeping at the grave, we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed

### *Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7*

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; <sup>2</sup> before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with<sup>[a]</sup> the rain; <sup>3</sup> on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; <sup>4</sup> when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; <sup>5</sup> when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along<sup>[b]</sup> and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; <sup>6</sup> before the silver cord is snapped,<sup>[c]</sup> and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, <sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath<sup>[d]</sup> returns to God who gave it.

### *Responsory*

The Lord is my strength and my song:  
he has become my salvation.

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he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.

**He has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:  
he has become my salvation.**

*from Psalm 118*

## *Gospel Canticle*

### *The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*

#### *Refrain:*

**The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦  
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦  
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦  
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦  
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

**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.**

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## Prayers

### A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

As we mourn the death of Prince Philip, let us give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all whose devotion to him has sustained the life of our Church and nation:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, His Late Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and all the Royal Family; for the ministers of the Crown and all who bear the privilege and burden of government:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For all people touched by the Duke of Edinburgh's devotion to public service:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For our own lives, giving thanks for all who have gone before, and asking that we might go forward with confidence and hope:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

O God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us  
all the days of our lives,  
that we may ever trust in your unfailing love;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Lord our God, lover of souls,  
you give light to those who walk in the shadow of death.  
Remember your faithful servant,  
Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.  
Receive him into your loving arms,  
that for him, death may be the gate  
to life in your eternal presence;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

### ***The Collect***

God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for his love of our country,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### ***The Lord's Prayer is said***

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

**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 Conclusion**

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

**Dismissal**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**