



Torbay Service to commemorate the life of

*His Royal Highness The Prince Philip,*

*Duke of Edinburgh*

Thursday 15th April 2021  
10am at the Parish Church of St Paul, Preston



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### *Minister*

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*

### *The minister greets the people and introduces the service*

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

### **All: And also with you.**

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.

### *The minister says*

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. **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.**

**Hymn: O God, our help in ages past**

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.
- 2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
- 5 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,

Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

Psalm 90; Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

**Reflection on the life of HRH The Duke of  
Edinburgh**

Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB, OBE, DL  
*Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of Devon*

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

Interview by Rev'd Stephen Yates and Jack  
Thompson

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Psalm 107. 23–32**

*Read by the Worshipful Mayor of Torbay  
Councillor Maggi Douglas-Dunbar*

Those who go down to the sea in ships  
and ply their trade in great waters,  
These have seen the works of the Lord  
and his wonders in the deep.  
For at his word the stormy wind arose  
and lifted up the waves of the sea.  
They were carried up to the heavens and down  
again to the deep;  
their soul melted away in their peril.  
They reeled and staggered like a drunkard  
and were at their wits' end.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he brought them out of their distress.  
He made the storm be still  
and the waves of the sea were calmed.

Then were they glad because they were at rest,  
and he brought them to the haven they desired.  
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them exalt him in the congregation of the  
people and praise him in the council of the elders.

*Silence is kept*

**John 14. 1–7**

*Read by Anne-Marie Bond  
Chief Executive, Torbay Council*

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

*Silence is kept*

**Hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

1   Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
      O’er the world’s tempestuous sea:

Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
All our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791–1867)

## Sermon

The Bishop of Crediton  
*The Right Revd Jackie Searle*

## THE PRAYERS

### *Minister*

Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**All:** And there shall no torment touch them.

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

**All:** My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord

**All:** In the land of the living.

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.**

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 <sup>L</sup><sub>SEP</sub> 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.**

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.**

based on a prayer of Sir Francis Drake  
(c. 1540–1596)

*Silence is kept for personal prayer and thanksgiving*

### **Commendation by the Bishop of Crediton**

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. **Amen.**

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

### **Blessing**

*The Bishop of Crediton*

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment 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.

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!

With thanks to all who made this service possible.

