

Remembering The Duke of Edinburgh: A Sunday Service with the Archbishop of York

INTROIT

I am the resurrection and the life (Croft)

Sung by St Martin's Voices

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord :
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

*Music: William Croft
John 11. 25, 26*

The Archbishop of York says

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.

May the Lord be with you.

Today we 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 Christ, through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

ANTHEM

I know that my redeemer liveth

Sung by St Martin's Voices

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shalt stand
at the latter day upon the earth.

And though after my skin worms destroy this body,

yet in my flesh shall I see God:

whom I shall see for myself,

and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

*Music: William Croft
Job 19. 25 - 27*

The Archbishop prays

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 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.

All **Amen.**

PSALM 121

Sung by St Martin's Voices

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
 he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
 shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
 neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
 it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
 and your coming in,
 from this time forth for evermore.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Read by Rebecca Cottrell

A reading from the First Letter of John. (4.7-19)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

All Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

The Archbishop

ANTHEM

Crossing the Bar

Sung by St Martin's Voices

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as, moving, seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark;
For, though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Music: C.H.H. Parry
Words: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809 – 1892)

PRAYERS

Led by Rev Simon Bray

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.

All Amen.

Almighty God,
Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort:
deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn,
our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth,
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.

All Amen.

Let us conclude our prayers with the words that Jesus gave 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.**

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

Sung by St Martin's Voices

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness ay endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore,
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
Tune: Michael

BLESSING

The Archbishop gives the blessing:

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, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by St Martin's Voices, directed by Andrew Earis

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.

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