

St Nicholas' Anglican Church, Helsinki



A Service of Commemoration  
*for*  
HRH, The Prince Philip,  
Duke of Edinburgh

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 5.30PM

*The Burial Sentences are sung by the Choir.*

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. *John 11:25, 26*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall 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.

We brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21*

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

**HYMN:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
*Sung by the Choir*

*Then the Chaplain 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 forever! 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.**

**PSALM 23:** The Lord is my Shepherd

*Sung by the Choir*

**LESSON:** Romans: 8:28-39

*Read by Mr Tom Dodd, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Finland*

A reading from St 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. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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.

**ANTHEM:** Justorem Animae, By Stanford

*Sung by the Choir*

**HOMILY**

*By the Chaplain*

*Chaplain:* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

*Chaplain:* 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.**

*Chaplain:* The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

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

*Chaplain:* You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

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

*Chaplain:* I will walk before the Lord

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

## **ADDRESS**

*By Mr Tom Dodd, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Finland*

## **PRAYERS**

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 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.**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

*Collect for the Sixth Sunday After Trinity*

### **COMMENDATION**

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.

*After St Edmund of Abingdon (1170-1240)*

*The Kontakion for the Departed is said*

**Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant 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:  
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

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

*Orthodox Kontakion for the departed*

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

**HYMN:** O God our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

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

## ***THE BRITISH 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.

## ***THE FINNISH NATIONAL ANTHEM***

Oi maamme, Suomi, synnyinmaa,  
soi, sana kultainen!  
::Ei laaksoa, ei kukkulaa,  
ei vettä rantaa rakkaampaa,  
kuin kotimaa tää pohjoinen,  
maa kallis isien!::

Sun kukoistukses kuorestaan  
kerrankin puhkeaa,  
:: viel lempemme saa nousemaan  
sun toivos, riemus loistossaan,  
ja kerran, laulus synnyinmaa  
korkeemman kaiun saa.::



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