

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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*

INTRODUCTION

The minister introduces the service with these words

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Then the minister says: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **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

CHOIR led

THE READING

The following LESSONS is read Revelation 21:1–7

An ANTHEM is sung

SERMON

THE PRAYERS

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister: 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,

People: And there shall no torment touch them.

Minister: You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

People: My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

Minister: I will walk before the Lord

People: In the land of the living.

THE INTERCESSIONS

The PRAYERS are offered by saying Let us to pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy **ALL: Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful God **ALL: accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said by the Minister

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 .**Amen.**

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

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

Minister: 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.

**All: 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

Minister: Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear,
die in your favour, rest in your peace,
rise in your power and reign in your glory;
for your own beloved Son’s sake,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WILLIAM LAUD (1573–1645)

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

CHOIR led

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 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.

We keep a moment silence and leave the Service in our own time.

Authorization:

These Forms of Service have been approved by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for use in their respective Provinces pursuant to Canon B4.