Oriel College Chapel

Commemoration Service

His Late Royal Highness
The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh

Sunday 25 April 2021
Please stand as the Chaplain reads the SENTENCES.

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

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

THE eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

DEUTERONOMY 33:27

NEITHER death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38, 39

CHRIST is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

ORTHODOX EASTER HYMN

Please remain standing as the Choir sings the HYMN.

ETERNAL Father, strong to save, Whose arm doth bind the restless wave, Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep; O hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard, Who walkedst on the foaming deep, And calm amid its rage didst sleep:

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude, Who bad’st its angry tumult cease, And gavest light and life and peace:

O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in danger’s hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe’er they go; And ever let there rise to thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

WILLIAM WHITING (1825-78)

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.
O GOD, make speed to save us.

All  O LORD, make haste to help us.

BLESSED art thou, Lord our God, lover of souls: thou upholdest us in life and sustainest us in death: unto thee 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 thou givest light to them that be in darkness, who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in thy kingdom thy faithful servant PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, that death may be unto him the gate to life and to unending fellowship with thee; where with thy saints thou livest and reignest, one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

All  as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

All sit as the Choir sings the PSALM.

PSALM 23  Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
2 He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3 He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON  Philippians 2:1-11  Read by the Head Bible Clerk

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

`All stand`

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

**SECOND LESSON**

`John 11:17-27`  
Read by the Provost

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

**THE ANTHEM**

SOFTLY and gently, dearly-ransomed soul,  
In my most loving arms I now enfold thee,  
And, o’er the penal waters, as they roll,  
I poise thee, and I lower thee, and hold thee.

And carefully I dip thee in the lake,  
And thou, without a sob or a resistance,  
Dost through the flood thy rapid passage take,  
Sinking deep, deeper, into the dim distance.
Angels, to whom the willing task is given,
Shall tend, and nurse, and lull thee, as thou liest;
And Masses on the earth and prayers in heaven,
Shall aid thee at the Throne of the most Highest.

Farewell, but not forever! Brother dear,
Be brave and patient on thy bed of sorrow;
Swiftly shall pass thy night of trial here,
And I will come and wake thee on the morrow.

[Lord, Thou hast been our refuge: in every generation.
Come back, O Lord! How long: and be entreated for Thy servants.
Praise to the Holiest in the height, And in the depth be praise.
Bring us not, Lord, very low: for Thou hast said,
Come back again, ye sons of Adam.
To us His elder race He gave
To battle and to win,
Without chastisement of pain,
Without the soil of sin. Amen.]

THE ANGEL’S FAREWELL (from THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS)

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
All
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
All
OUR FATHER, which 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 them that 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 souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
All
And there shall no torment touch them.
Thou, Lord, hast 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 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.

HEAR, O LORD, the prayers of your people, as we remember before you His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh: and grant that we who confess your name on earth may with him be made perfect in the kingdom of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 THE PRAYER OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE (C. 1540-1596)

BRING US, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

AFTER JOHN DONNE (1571-1631)

REMEMBER, O LORD, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER BOOK AS PROPOSED IN 1928

O ETERNAL LORD GOD, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: be pleased, most merciful Father, to receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the soul of our brother PHILIP; and grant that, with him and all the faithful departed, we may at the last enter into the haven of thine unending joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADAPTED FROM THE NAVAL PRAYER
All stand

INTO THY hands, O Father and Lord, we commend thy servant, PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh. Enlighten him with thy holy grace and suffer him never to be separated from thee, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

AFTER ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON (1170-1240)

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

All

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

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

WILLIAM LAUD (1573-1645)

MAY GOD in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace. Amen.

Please stand as the Choir sings the HYMN

O GOD, our help in ages past, A thousand ages in thy sight Our hope for years to come, Are like an evening gone; Our shelter from the stormy blast, Short as the watch that ends the night And our eternal home; Before the rising sun.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Thy saints have dwelt secure; Bears all its sons away; Sufficient is thine arm alone, They fly forgotten, as a dream And our defence is sure. Dies at the opening day.

Before the hills in order stood, O God, our help in ages past, Or earth received her frame, Our hope for years to come, From everlasting thou art God, Be thou our guard while troubles last, To endless years the same. 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 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.

Please remain standing as the Chaplain, Provost and Fellows depart.

A Book of Condolence is available in the Ante-Chapel should you wish to sign it.

Music during the service

Psalm Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)
Nunc Dimittis Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Anthem St John Henry Newman (1801-90), Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Chaplain
The Revd Dr Robert Wainwright

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Dr David Maw

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Harry Baigent*
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