

A Service of Holy Communion during the period of mourning

The president says

'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord.
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

The president says

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with
you.

The president may briefly introduce the service, ending with this prayer:

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into
the joy of heaven; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Hymn :

**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 president says
God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory
in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.
As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God
our Father.

Silence is kept.

This confession is used:

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

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; who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

READINGS

These or other readings may be used.

A reading from the book of Lamentations. (3.22-26, 31-33)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (4.16-5.4)
So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner
nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing
us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what
can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but
what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from
God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we
groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have
taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan
under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed,
so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord,
'that I should lose none of all that he has given me,
but raise them up on the last day'.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (6.35-40)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be
hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you
have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come
to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down
from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the

will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PRAYERS

which may include the following:

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We give you thanks:

for his long and full life;

for his strength of character;

and for his devotion and service to family, nation and Commonwealth.

We praise you for: his generosity;

the many contributions he made to our national life;

and the encouragement he gave to so many, especially to the young.

Other prayers may be added.

All God of mercy,

entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your

faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.\

Hymn Great is thy faithfulness

The president says

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The table is prepared and the bread and wine taken.

May all who are called to a place at your table
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places

to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal
God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks

because through him you have given us

the hope of a glorious resurrection;

so that, although death comes to us all,

yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;

for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal
flesh is laid aside

an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,

who, in your tender mercy,

gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered

a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the
whole world;

he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,

a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and
passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as
you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our
sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of
his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for
ever and ever.

Amen.

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.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.
Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI may be said or sung.
Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion.

The president prays

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn : Lord For the Years

Please stand -

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

COMMENDATION

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.

adapted from the Naval Prayer

2 minute Silence

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

*I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness,
and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light,
and safer than a known way.'*

Crossing the Bar

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 tho' 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 cross'd the bar.