Westminster Abbey

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
for
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE PRINCE PHILIP,
DUKE OF EDINBURGH
1921 - 2021

Tuesday, 29th March, 2022
at 11.30 a.m.
The whole of the church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn the hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are switched off.

The service is conducted by the Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Choirs of Westminster Abbey, and Her Majesty’s Chapel Royal, St James’s Palace, directed by James O’Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Westminster Abbey.

The organ is played by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist.

The State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry are directed by Trumpet Major Julian Sandford, and the Fanfare Team from the Central Band of the Royal Air Force are directed by Sergeant Timothy Hynd RAF.

Before the service Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays

Andante cantabile from Symphony No 3 Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)
Bist du bei mir BWV 508 attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Salix from Plymouth Suite Percy Whitlock (1903–46)

The Band of Her Majesty’s Royal Marines Portsmouth (Royal Band), directed by Lieutenant Colonel Jason Burcham RM, Principal Director of Music, plays

Prelude from 49th Parallel Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
arranged by Michael McDermott

Elsa’s Procession to the Cathedral from Lohengrin Richard Wagner (1813–83)
arranged by Peter Curtis
Canterbury Chorale
Jan Van der Roost (b 1956)

Lux Aurumque
Eric Whitacre (b 1970)

Men of Honour Part 2
Thomas Bergerson (b 1980)
arranged by Ivan Hutchinson

Pacific
Blake Neely (b 1969) and Hans Zimmer (b 1957)
arranged by Rieks van der Velde

The Assistant Organist plays

Shepherd’s Song from Symphony No 6 (‘Pastoral’)
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)

The Sub-Organist plays

Benedictus from Sonata Britannica
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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Members of The Duke of Edinburgh’s Family arrive and are conducted to their seats.

The Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, the Right Honourable Dame Eleanor Laing DBE MP, and The Lord Speaker, the Lord McFall of Alcluith, are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made and they are conducted to their seats.

The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Boris Johnson MP, and Mrs Johnson, are received. Presentations are made and they are conducted to their seats.

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Andrew Smith, and The Lady Mayoress Salma Shah are received. Presentations are made and they are conducted to their seats. All stand, and then sit.

Representatives of faith communities and of the churches process to places in the Lantern.


Members of the Royal Family arrive and are conducted to their seats.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, The Duke of Kent and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arrive and are conducted to their seats.

The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence KCVO, CB, The Earl and Countess of Wessex, The Lady Louise Mountbatten-Windsor and Viscount Severn arrive and are conducted to their seats.
The Duke of York, Princess Beatrice and Mr Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi, Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank arrive and are conducted to their seats.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are received by the Dean and Chapter. Presentations are made and they are conducted to their seats.

The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall are received by the Dean and Chapter. Presentations are made and they are conducted to their seats.

All stand as the procession moves to places in Quire, the Sacrarium, and Poets’ Corner.

A fanfare is sounded.

The Queen is received by the Dean and Chapter. Presentations are made.
O R D E R   O F   S E R V I C E

All sing

H e who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
   follow the Master.
There’s no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
   to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
   his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
   to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
   shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I’ll fear not what men say,
I’ll labour night and day
   to be a pilgrim.

Monk’s Gate 372 NEH
adapted from an English folk song
arranged by James O’Donnell (b 1961)

from The Pilgrim’s Progress
John Bunyan (1628–88)
In Westminster Abbey, where he made promises that defined a life of willing duty and spirited service, we give thanks for His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. A man of rare ability and distinction, rightly honoured and celebrated, he ever directed our attention away from himself. He put privilege to work and understood his rank as a spur to service. Working at pace, with so many claims on his attention, he encouraged us to focus, as he was focussed, on the things that matter. His was a discipline and character that seized opportunity and overcame obstruction and difficulty. We recall, with affection and respect, the sustained offering of a long life lived fully. Acknowledging our loss, we turn to the God who is our help for He will renew our hope. In grateful remembrance of The Prince Philip, we then commit ourselves to live as he lived, in faith, in the service of Her Majesty, and with a greater reverence for our world and our neighbours.

Let us pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

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.

Doyin Sonibare, a Gold Award holder from The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, gives a Tribute

The Right Honourable the Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reads

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.
Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?
Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.
He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.
Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40: 25–31

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

Pr evident, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

William Byrd (c 1540–1623) Collect for Holy Communion The Book of Common Prayer

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Dean of Her Majesty’s Chapels Royal, reads

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Philippians 4: 4–9

Thanks be to God.
All creatures of our God and King,
   lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
   O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
   make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
   that givest man both warmth and light:
   O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
   unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
   let them his glory also show:
   O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
   and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
   and praise the Spirit, three in One:
   O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All sit. The Right Reverend David Conner KCVO, Dean of Windsor, gives the Address

The choir sings

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the powers therein. To thee cherubin, and seraphin: continually do cry, Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty: of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles: praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise thee. The noble army of martyrs: praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee; the Father: of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true: and only Son; also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the Glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints: in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them: and lift them up for ever. Day by day: we magnify thee; and we worship thy name: ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Te Deum in C
Benjamin Britten (1913–76)
The Reverend Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Precentor, introduces the prayers

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for the life and work of The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and pray for all who honour his legacy and continue his work.

All sit or kneel

The Reverend Kenneth MacKenzie, Minister of Crathie Church, says

Let us give thanks for his service as Consort, liege man of life and limb, and of earthly worship to Her Majesty; for his devotion to family, to Nation and to Commonwealth; for his strength and constancy.

O Father of all, we pray thee for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Riviere LVO, Rector of Sandringham, says

Let us give thanks for his energy and spirit of adventure; for his work with the young to discover new skills and serve their communities. Let us pray especially for the work of Cadet Forces and all engaged in The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reverend Canon Martin Poll, Chaplain to the Royal Chapel of All Saints, Windsor Great Park, says

Let us give thanks for his work in conservation and the good stewardship of the environment, in bringing together people of many faiths, and in the work of the World Wildlife Fund.

Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess in creation; grant us grace that we may honour thee with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Reverend Canon Paul Wright, Sub-Dean of Her Majesty’s Chapels Royal, says

Let us give thanks for his gifts of character; for his humour and resilience; his fortitude and devotion to duty; that we may follow his good example in the service of our fellows.

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Reverend Dr James Hawkey, Canon in Residence, says

Let us give thanks to our heavenly Father for all his blessings and mercies, and dedicate ourselves anew to his service.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Cwm Rhondda 368 NEH
John Hughes (1873–1932)
arranged by James O’Donnell

Arglwydd, arwain trwy’r anialwch
William Williams (1717–91)
translated by Peter Williams (1727–96) and others
The Most Reverend and the Right Honourable Justin Welby, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, gives the Blessing

God grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord; and to us sinners 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.

All sing

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.

arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

All remain standing as the Procession, together with The Queen and Members of the Royal Family, leaves the Abbey church

Music after the service

Allegro molto e ritmico from Sonata Britannica

Charles Villiers Stanford

The band plays

The Seafarers

arranged by Michael McDermott

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to remain in their seats until directed to move by the Honorary Stewards

The bells of the Abbey church are rung