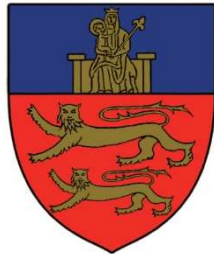


Lincoln Cathedral



**The Order for Evensong
on the death of
His Royal Highness, Philip Duke of
Edinburgh**



***Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.***

Welcome to Lincoln Cathedral

Whether you are a visitor, a newcomer or a member of the regular cathedral community, we extend a welcome to you as we gather together before God in this ancient and holy place following the death of His Royal Highness, Philip Duke of Edinburgh.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Her Majesty the Queen on the news of the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Since the day of her coronation in 1953, when he knelt before her and was the first to swear allegiance, that he would be her “liege man of life and limb”, he has been a shining example of devotion and companionship. In Prince Philip, we witnessed the gift of grace expressed in love and duty, which has provided not only Queen Elizabeth, but also the nation, with strength and stability. We give thanks for his life and his unstinting service. We pray at this moment of great sorrow for the Royal Family and all who mourn, to know the consolation that the Lord is in our midst and turns the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven.

May he rest in peace.

God of all mercy, justice and peace;

Hear us now as we give thanks for a life of service and devotion to duty given to this nation by Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; May he rest in peace and know the joy of heaven:

Be with those who mourn, and bring peace to the hearts of all; that we may all be united in the kingdom which is made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Much of this evening's service is sung by the choir and reflects the pattern of worship which is offered daily in the cathedral at this time of day, with words, inspired by God, used to worship him and lift our minds and hearts. If the service is new to you, we hope that within the combination of words, music and silence you will find space to reflect prayerfully on the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and to give thanks for all that he gave in service to others.

The Office of Evensong

Please stand as the choir and clergy enter the Nave

Stand

PRECES

The introductory verses are sung to the setting by Leighton-Jones.

○ Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

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.**

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

An introduction to the service is given, after which the opening hymn is sung

HYMN

The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

Words: Latin, 7th century (translated by J. M. Neale (1818-1866))
Tune: Ad cenam Agni

Sit

PSALMODY *sung by the choir*

Psalm 23

These ancient songs are the Jewish hymn book, and, as such, would have been used by Jesus and his disciples. Our use of them continues an ancient tradition which links us with the continuing prayer of Jesus himself.

Dominus regit me.

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

Surely 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.

Stand

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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Wisdom 3: 1-9

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

The choir sings the Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46-55) to the setting by Philip Moore.

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed 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.

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21: 1-6

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

The choir sings the Song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32) to the setting by Philip Moore.

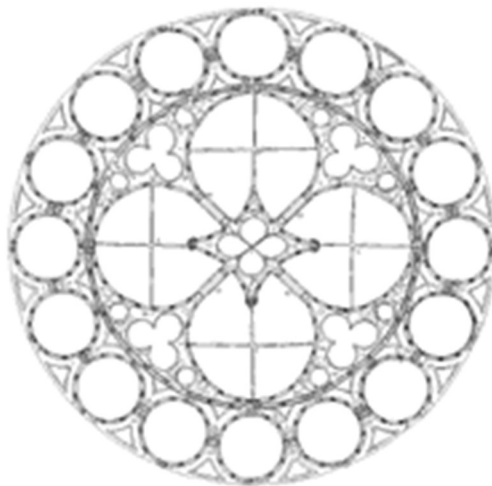
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

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.



Turn to face east

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Canon

I believe in God

All

**the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

sung to the setting by Leighton-Jones

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in 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. Amen.**

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness
and make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people
and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord
**because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.**

○ God, make clean our hearts within us
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

A Collect for the Day is sung

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son
hast overcome the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to thee in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

and the Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set
to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

and the Collect for Aid Against All Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

The choir sings ***Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts***
by Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Words: taken from the Burial Service in the Book of Common Prayer

Kneel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by the Canon in Residence. These include petitions for the Royal Family, the nation and the nations of the Commonwealth. They conclude with petitions for the bishop and for present and past members of the Cathedral Foundation.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
All **And there shall no torment touch them.**

You, Lord, have 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.**

God of all mercy, justice and peace;
Hear us now as we give thanks for a life of service and devotion
to duty given to this nation by Philip, Duke of Edinburgh;
May he rest in peace and know the joy of heaven:
Be with those who mourn, and bring peace to the hearts of all;
that we may all be united in the kingdom which is made known
to use through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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.

All **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.

All **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.

All **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.

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

All **Amen.**

After the prayers for the foundation, all join in saying

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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 upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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!**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy leave Nave.

There are various places around the cathedral where you can light a candle or say a prayer. Please feel free to do this before you leave the cathedral this evening, or to return on another day.

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