

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

**Choral Evensong
in Commemoration and Thanksgiving
for the life of
His late Royal Highness The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh KG KT OM GCVO GBE
10 June 1921 – 9 April 2021**



Sunday 18 April 2021
3.00pm

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

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Responses

Bernard Rose

Setting

Collegium Regale · Herbert Howells

Voluntary before the Service

Nimrod from Enigma Variations · Edward Elgar

Please stand as the Civic Dignitaries are escorted to their seats. Then sit.

Please stand as the processions of members of the Greater Chapter of the Cathedral enter. Then sit.

Please stand as the Bishop's procession enters.

Introit

*Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of
the conflict.*

*From Christ they inherit a home of unfading
splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!*

Music: William Harris

Words: From the Salisbury Diurnal (trans. G. H. Palmer)

Sentence from Scripture

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

Versicles and Responses

Sung by the Choir.

O Lord, open thou our lips
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O 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.

Please sit.

The Bidding

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark

We come together, in this holy place, to remember and to give thanks for His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We celebrate a life lived fully, generously and joyously in the service of his Queen and Country, as Prince and husband, as Consort and family man. Blest with great gifts, he possessed the courage and insight to use those gifts to best effect. Prominent among these was his gift of faithfulness: to family and friends; to the Nation and the Commonwealth; to those causes about which he was passionate, and which are reflected in his patronages. But above all was his faithfulness to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This faithfulness was the thread that made its way in bright days and dark, weaving a pattern of enduring hope and strength. Through this service of remembrance and thanksgiving, let us pray that his example of faithfulness, hope and courage will be our inspiration. We pray too that God will grant him joy in the company of all the blest in his Kingdom of light, refreshment and peace.

Psalm

Psalm 121

Sung by the Choir.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy
coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

Please 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.

Psalm Chant: Henry Walford-Davies

Please sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 61. 1–3

*Read by Colonel Simon Duckworth OBE DL,
Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London
Borough of Southwark.*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Please stand.

Magnificat

Sung by the Choir.

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

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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 has 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.

Please sit.

Second Lesson

Revelation 21. 1–7

*Read by Lynn Cooper,
Under Sheriff of Greater London,
High Sheriff in Nomination for 2021.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water

of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things,
and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

Sung by the Choir.

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.

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God 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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer and Responses

Sung by the Choir.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel.

Let us pray.

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant unto us, with thy servant, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when thou dost gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.*

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.*

Please sit.

Anthem

How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts!
My soul ever longeth and fainteth sore
for the blest courts of the Lord:
my heart and flesh do cry to the living God.
Blest are they, that dwell within thy house:
they praise thy name evermore.

Music: Johannes Brahms

Words: Psalm 84. 1-2; 4

Sermon

The Right Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark

Reading

Sonnet LX by William Shakespeare

Read by Timothy West CBE.

Like as the waves make towards the pebb'l'd shore,
So do our minutes hasten to their end;
Each changing place with that which goes before,
In sequent toil all forwards do contend.
Nativity, once in the main of light,
Crawls to maturity, wherewith being crown'd,
Crooked eclipses 'gainst his glory fight,
And Time that gave doth now his gift confound.
Time doth transfix the flourish set on youth
And delves the parallels in beauty's brow,
Feeds on the rarities of nature's truth,
And nothing stands but for his scythe to mow:
And yet to times in hope my verse shall stand,
Praising thy worth, despite his cruel hand.

Anthem

*Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heav'n:
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 habitation of thy glory and dominion,
world without end. Amen.*

Music: William Harris

Words: John Donne

The Bidding Prayers

*Led by Ife Banjo, Linda Hutchinson and
Amuda Poongavanam.*

At the end of the prayers

**All 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.**

Please stand.

The Blessing

The Bishop of Southwark

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and to all humanity,
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.

All Amen.

The Choir sings

The National Anthem

Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott · Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Please remain in your seats until the Greater Chapter of the Cathedral and the Civic Dignitaries have departed.

Please leave the cathedral by the north-west doors and the Millennium Courtyard. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.

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