



Ascension Church
Sunday 11th April - 11:00am

Prayers before Service following the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song:

Jesus hope of the nations

Jesus comfort for all who mourn

You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth

Jesus light in the darkness

Jesus truth in each circumstance

You are the source of Heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died

You broke the chains You rose to life

You are the hope living in us

You are the rock in whom we trust

You are the light

Shining for all the world to see

You rose from the dead conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive
Lord we believe

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Gracious and loving God, we confess that despite Your presence with us, we are reluctant to go forward in faith in our daily lives. We don't want to step out of the boat. We're afraid to walk with You. We're doubting, troubled, and timid. We lack commitment and trust. Forgive us, O Lord, for our sin. Renew within us a vivid awareness that You are with us. May this awareness make it possible to go where You want us to go, to do what You want us to do, and to give Your name glory. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself, forgive *us our* sins, and assure *us* of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Songs:

Jesus, my king, my wonderful Saviour,

All of my life is given to Thee.

I am rejoicing in Thy salvation;

Your precious blood is making me free.

Refrain

Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour,

Thou art so near, so precious to me!

Wonderful Saviour, wonderful Saviour,

My heart is filled with praises to Thee!

Freedom from sin, O wonderful story—

All of its stains washed whiter than snow!

Jesus has come to live in His temple,

And with His love my heart is aglow.

Refrain

Jesus, my Lord, I'll ever adore Thee,

Lay at your feet my treasures of love.

Lead me in ways to show forth your glory,

Ways that will end in Heaven above.

Refrain

When in that bright and beautiful city

I shall behold your glories untold,

I shall be like Thee, wonderful Saviour,

And I will sing while ages unfold.

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name (Repeat)

Worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name;
Sing like never before,
O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name;
Worship Your holy name (x2)

Bible Reading: John 20:19:31

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

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.

Offertory Song:

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I believe in Jesus

I believe he is the Son of God
I believe he died and rose again
I believe he paid for us all

And I believe that he's here now
(I believe that he's here)
standing in our midst;
here with the power to heal now
(with the power to heal)
and the grace to forgive

I believe in you Lord
I believe you are the Son of God
I believe you died and rose again
I believe you paid for us all
And I believe you're here now
(I believe that you're here)
standing in our midst;
here with the power to heal now
(with the power to heal)
and the grace to forgive

Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

**All: 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took
the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with
confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all
the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your
loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in
heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For the kingdom the power
and the glory are yours
Now and forever.
Amen**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.

Prayer after Communion

**All: Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Notices

Birthdays

Final Song

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
A banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.

*We want to see
We want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.
We want to see
We want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.*

Step by step we're moving forward,
Little by little taking ground,
Ev'ry prayer a powerful weapon,
Strongholds come tumbling
down and down and down and down.

We want to see.....

Final 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**