**Christ is Risen. A Service of the Word in Easter. Sunday 11th April 2021**

Good Morning and welcome to the parish of Arbory and Castletown and to this service which comes to you today from Arbory Parish Church. Much of this service was recorded prior to the announcement of the sad news on Friday of the death of His Royal Highness, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, but as a mark of respect we will begin our service with a minute silence and as we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip and pray for HM The Queen, Lord of Man and all the Royal Family at this time.

Let us remember in silence His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh

**A prayer of thanksgiving**

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.  
Accept our thanks and praise, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God our creator and redeemer,  
by your power Christ conquered death  
and returned to you in glory.  
Confident of his victory  
and claiming his promises,  
we entrust your servant Philip into your keeping in the name of Jesus our Lord,  
who, though he died, is now alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn, especially at this time,  
to the Queen and all members of the Royal Family. May they know the hope of your promises and the comfort of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Welcome

**Hymn**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord *(Words on the screen)*

The minister greets the people and says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All**    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All**    **He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All**    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Opening Prayer**

**All**    **Faithful one, whose word is life:**

**come with saving power** **to free our praise,**

**inspire our prayer** **and shape our lives**

**for the kingdom of your Son,** **Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,

and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All**    **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All**    **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,

and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All**    **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power

forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All**    **Amen.**

**The Collect**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever.   
***All* Amen.**

**Reading(s)**

After each reading William King and Jon Barwood

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**   **Thanks be to God.**

**Sunday Reflection: Bishop Peter**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All**    **Christ died for our sins**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried;** **he was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**afterwards he appeared to his followers,**

**and to all the apostles:** **this we have received,**

**and this we believe.** **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession – Rev Colin Barry**

Followed by a Litany of Thanksgiving for the life of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

**A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

As we mourn the death of Prince Philip, let us give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all whose devotion to him has sustained the life of our Church and nation:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, Lord of Man, His Late Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and all the Royal Family; for the ministers of the Crown and all who bear the privilege and burden of government:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For all people touched by the Duke of Edinburgh’s devotion to public service:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For our own lives, giving thanks for all who have gone before, and asking that we might go forward with confidence and hope:

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,  
that we may ever trust in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**All** **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**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**All**   **Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,** **in the glory of God the Father.** **Amen.**

**Praise**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All**    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All**    **He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**All**    **He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All**    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Blessing**

God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing …

**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.**

**Hymn**

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne:  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hear the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood!'

2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now:  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, but knows not how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
whom the angels now adore,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia! bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay:  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
you, the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:  
you, within the veil have entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
yours the blood and yours the body,  
in our eucharistic feast.