

## FORM III: SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE

*For Sentences, Responses and Prayers in traditional language,  
see the Appendix.*

*One or more of these SENTENCES may be used and a hymn may be sung.*

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

WE brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

I TIMOTHY 6:7, JOB 1:21

THE eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

DEUTERONOMY 33:27

I AM sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38, 39

CHRIST has risen from the dead,  
by death he has trampled on death  
and to those in the graves he has given life.

ORTHODOX EASTER HYMN

*Minister:* IN THE NAME of Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father, grace, mercy and peace be with you.

*The minister may introduce the service with these or other words.*

WE MEET this day to remember before God His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

*Then the minister says*

O GOD, make speed to save us.

*People:* O LORD, make haste to help us.

BLESSED are you, Lord our God, lover of souls: you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness, who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servant PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, that death may be for him the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign, one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All:* **GLORY to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*One of the following PSALMS is said or sung*

The Lord is my shepherd PSALM 23

**or:** The Lord is my light and my salvation PSALM 27

**or:** Those who go down to the sea in ships PSALM 107:23-32

**or:** I lift up my eyes to the hills PSALM 121

**or:** O Lord, you have searched me out and known me PSALM 139:1-12

*One of the following LESSONS is read*

I Corinthians 15:20-end

**or:** Romans 8:28-39

**or:** Revelation 7:9-end

**or:** Revelation 21:1-7

*An ANTHEM or HYMN is sung.*

*A SERMON may be preached.*

*Minister:* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Minister:* Lord, have mercy upon 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.**

*Minister:* The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

*People:* **And there shall no torment touch them.**

*Minister:* You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

*People:* **My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

*Minister:* I will walk before the Lord

*People:* **In the land of the living.**

*PRAYERS may be offered from among the following*

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. **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. **Amen.**

HEAR, O LORD, the prayers of your people, as we remember before you His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh: and grant that we who confess your name on earth may with him be made perfect in the kingdom of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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. **Amen.**

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

BASED ON THE PRAYER OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE (C. 1540–1596)

BRING US, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, 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 habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. **Amen.**

AFTER JOHN DONNE (1571–1631)

REMEMBER, O LORD, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER BOOK AS PROPOSED IN 1928

MERCIFUL GOD, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate on you,  
and a life to proclaim you;  
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ST BENEDICT (C. 480–543)

### 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. AFTER ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON (1170–1240)

*Other Prayers of Commendation may be used.*

*The Kontakion for the Departed may be said or sung*

**Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:  
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.  
For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying,  
‘Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.’  
All we go down to the dust;  
and weeping o’er the grave we make our song:  
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.

**Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

ORTHODOX KONTAKION FOR THE DEPARTED

Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear,  
die in your favour, rest in your peace,  
rise in your power and reign in your glory;  
for your own beloved Son's sake,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WILLIAM LAUD (1573–1645)

MAY GOD in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace.  
**Amen.**

*This, or some other HYMN, may be sung*

O GOD, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

ISAAC WATTS (1674–1748)

*THE BLESSING*

MAY GOD in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*THE 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.

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND READINGS

I SAID to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.'

LOUISE HASKINS (1875–1958),

QUOTED BY KING GEORGE VI IN HIS CHRISTMAS BROADCAST, 1939

Christ is the morning star  
Who, when the darkness of this world is passed,  
Brings to his saints the promise of the light of life  
And opens everlasting day.

THE VENERABLE BEDE (673–735)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

ANON, COLLECTION OF JOSHUA SMITH,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE 1784



Alone with none but thee, my God  
I journey on my way.  
What need I fear, when thou art near  
O king of night and day?  
More safe am I within thy hand  
Than if an host did round me stand.

ST COLUMBA (C. 521–597)

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who hast created and redeemed me,  
and brought me unto that which I now am,  
thou knowest what thou wouldst do with me;  
do with me according to thy will,  
for thy tender mercies' sake.

KING HENRY VI (1421–1472)

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer; hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any tribulation; and to every soul that is distressed, grant mercy, relief and refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GELASIAN SACRAMENTARY (C. 8TH CENTURY)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set your passion and death between your judgement and us, now and at the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed, to your holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners life eternal and glory; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FROM THE OFFICE OF NONE

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: be pleased, most merciful Father, to receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the soul of our brother PHILIP; and grant that, with him and all the faithful departed, we may at the last enter into the haven of thine unending joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ADAPTED FROM THE NAVAL PRAYER

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### *RESPONSES*

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*PRAYERS*

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