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**St Saviour  
Mortimer West End**

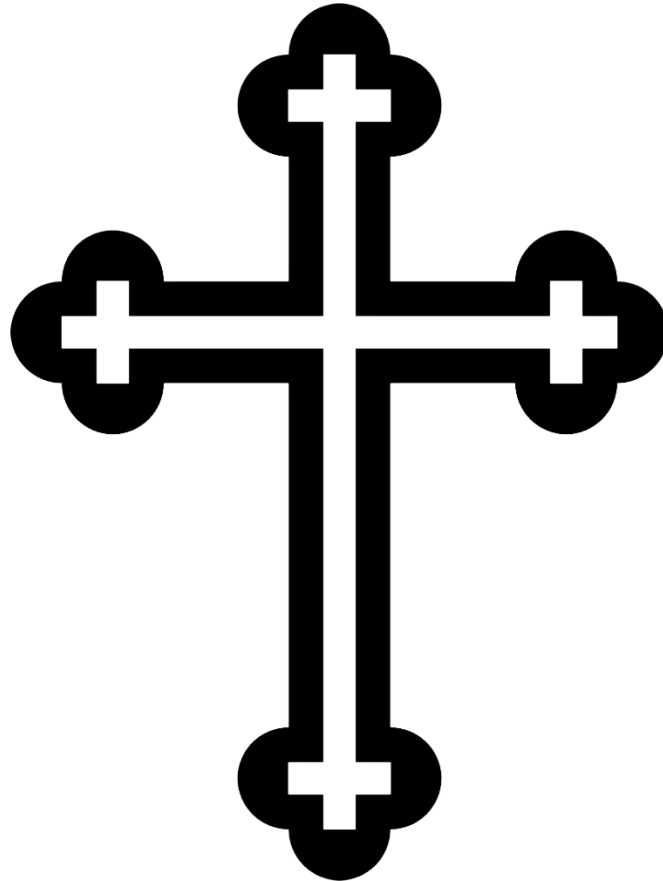
**St Mary and St John  
Stratfield Mortimer**

**St John the Baptist  
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**St Mary's Church of England School**

**St John's Church of England School**

**Diocese of Oxford**



**The Requiem Eucharist**

*given for*

**HRH, The Prince Philip,  
Duke of Edinburgh**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 3.00 p.m.**

**Online at zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6931233940>**

*The present rules and guidelines about attendance, singing & speaking in churches will be followed carefully. Only the priest and the zoom operator can be at St John's church building.*

## **THE GATHERING**

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All **Amen.**

All Rest eternal grant to Philip, O Lord:  
**and let light perpetual shine upon him.**

'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord.  
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

## **THE GREETING**

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

All Grace and mercy be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The president may briefly introduce the service, ending with this prayer:*

Almighty God, you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and love everything you have made. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

*We call to mind our sins to repent of them / turn from them and to ask forgiveness of God and each other.*

*The Invitation to Confession*

*The president says:*

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

*Silence is kept.*

All You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

All You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

All You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

All May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.  
**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

Let us pray.

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; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS. (3.22-26, 31-33)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**                   **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 121 IS SAID OR SUNG.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \* from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, \* the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer your foot to stumble; \* he who watches over you will not sleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself watches over you; \* the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \* neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall keep you from all evil; \* it is he who shall keep your soul.  
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

### A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (4.16-5.4)

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**                   **Thanks be to God.**

*Now we hear the Gospel (the Good News) and acknowledge that we are his people and called to be part of his mission to the world inasmuch as we share his message and his life with faith, hope and love.*

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

‘It is the will of him who sent me’, says the Lord,  
‘that I should lose none of all that he has given me,  
but raise them up on the last day’.

**Alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL READING - ST JOHN’S GOSPEL (6: 35 – 40).

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (6.35-40)

**All**                   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All**                   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE PRAYERS

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.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come.

**All**            **God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*At the Last Supper Christ 'took some bread and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "This is my body which will be given for you; do this in remembrance of me". He did the same with the cup...' (Luke 22:19-20). The Church, joyfully obedient to the Lord's command, celebrates the Eucharist taking care that our 'liturgy' corresponds to the words and actions of Christ: 1) Taking bread and wine - we take our own gifts to the Altar, such as our time and talents and our money for the poor and for ministry. 2) Giving thanks (the meaning of the word Eucharist) - in the Eucharistic Prayer the priest, in the name of us all, says the great hymn of our thanksgiving to God for the whole work of salvation, in which the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ. 3) The breaking of the one bread is a sign of the unity of the faithful - a sign of the unity which comes through sharing in Christ. 4) And in Holy Communion we receive Christ. In this way, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, the Church tries to carry out what the Lord asked his disciples to do in remembrance of him.*

## THE PEACE

*We acknowledge and give thanks for our unity with one another in Jesus Christ our Lord, which his death and resurrection have brought to us. He is the peace between us. The sign of peace echoes Christ's own resurrection greeting to his disciples. Before we share in the same bread we express our love for one another in Christ and pray for peace and unity (cf Luke 1.78,79).*

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.*

**All**            The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*The peoples' gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. The offerings of money is made and promised to support the wider ministry and work of the Church.*

*Taking the Gifts: We give thanks to God for the gifts in the following words.*

**Priest**        **BREAD**  
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.  
**All**            **Blessed be God for ever.**

**WINE**  
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**All**            **Blessed be God for ever.**

**OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE/MONEY**  
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have the gifts of our time, talents and money to offer. May our offerings of our gifts be a sincere sign of our gratitude and our dedication to your service.  
**All**            **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest prays quietly: Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble, contrite and thankful hearts. The priest washes hands as an expression of the desire for inward purification, praying quietly: Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.*

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Priest Pray my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Amen.

May all who are called to a place at your table follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

All **Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The Eucharistic Prayer is the centre and high point of the whole Christian celebration. This great prayer of praise and thanksgiving proclaims the wonderful works of God and through it we join ourselves with Christ in praise and thanksgiving to God the Father and in offering ourselves to him in union with Christ's self-offering on the cross. We express our share in the prayer, which is said by the priest on behalf of all the people, by listening inwardly and joining in the acclamations (joyful shouts or songs) and the Sanctus (the Holy, Holy, Holy which concludes the preface), the memorial acclamation and the great 'Amen' which concludes our Eucharistic Prayer.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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.**

*The Preface praises God for his mighty acts:*

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection; so that, although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal flesh is laid aside an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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 pray to the Father for the sending down of the Holy Spirit and recall the Lord's Supper.*

Priest All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All**            **Dying you destroyed our death,  
                  rising you restored our life:  
                  Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,

and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All**            **Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*The communion rite lays strong emphasis on peace, unity and our prayer for forgiveness. We come together to the Lord's table in accordance with the Lord's command, 'Take, eat... take, drink', as a community bound together by the love of God manifest in Christ. We can all be confident in Christ's mercy as we respond to his call to come to his table. Our communal recitation of the Lord's Prayer - the prayer he taught us - prepares us for Holy Communion with our Lord.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Priest            Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave 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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Priest            Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**All**            **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **AGNUS DEI** *may be said or sung.*

**Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant Philip rest.**

**Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant Philip rest.**

**Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant Philip eternal rest.**

### **PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

Priest            Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All**            **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The sign of communion is more complete when given under both 'kinds' since then the sign of the eucharistic meal appears more clearly. However, we live in exceptional times when communion can only be given in one 'kind' when we can come to church.*

*The priest takes the host, raises it a little and shows it saying: The Body of Christ. And the same with the cup saying: The Blood of Christ.*

*When receiving Holy Communion the response and assent to Christ is:*

**+ Amen.**

*After Holy Communion we may keep a further period of silence.*

**PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

Priest Let us pray.

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

**THE BLESSING**

Priest 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.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**IN PARADISUM**

*May the angels lead you into paradise;  
at your coming may the martyrs receive you  
and lead you into the holy city Jerusalem.  
May the choir of angels receive you,  
and with Lazarus who once was poor may you have eternal rest. Amen*

