

St. Mary's Sunday Worship
"I am the way, the truth and the life."
John 14: 6

**In remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of His late Royal Highness
The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

Introduction by Revd Gerry Foster, Vicar of Watton

Hymn – I vow to Thee my Country

I vow to thee my country
All earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect
The service of my love
The love that asks no question
The love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best
The love that never falters
The love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her
Most great to them that know
We may not count her armies
We may not see her king
Her fortress is a faithful heart
Her pride is suffering
And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness
And all her paths are peace

The Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Opening Prayer

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.

Hymn – Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like you his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to blame and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
All our hopes and fears he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
praise him all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
praise with us the God of grace.

Introduction to Confession

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.
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.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In Your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.

Amen

The Readings

Revelation 21: 1-7

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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**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.**

A reading from the Gospel of John

John 14: 1-14

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks to be God.

Talk

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn -The Lord's my Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Intercessions

Loving God

We thank you for this time together as a church family,
This time of prayer and worship
This time of thanksgiving for the life of HRH Prince Philip.
For his life of love and duty.
Easter is a time that changes the way we think
The way we act
The way we live
We thank you for your loving sacrifice.
Lord of life

Hear our prayer

And so we pray now for change in our world
For change in all those places where there is human need.
We give thanks for the work of charities around the world
Bringing help and support to your people
We thank you especially for the work of Prince Philip and
his involvement in over 800 charities and foundations.
We pray for the poor, the homeless
The sick and the hungry.

Lord of life

Hear our prayer

We pray for victims of war, for refugees
For divided communities and countries.
Lord of life

Hear our prayer

We pray for the sorrowful, the fearful
The troubled in heart and mind.
Lord of life

Hear our prayer

We pray for the oppressed, the persecuted
The imprisoned and the exploited.
Lord of life

Hear our prayer

Living God
May the truth of Easter
Break into each and ever one of these situations
Bringing help and healing
Strength and support
Comfort and courage
Hope and help
Faith and freedom
Love and life
The change that you alone can bring
Lord of life.

We take a few moments to pray in the quiet of our hearts
Where our Risen Lord hears us and knows us
Praying for all those who have asked for our prayers
Remembering those we have loved
Who are no longer with us but risen with Christ Jesus.
We pray for our Queen in the loss of her husband of 73 years
And for all the Royal Family who will miss him dearly.
We pray for our nation who mourns with them.
Lord of Life

Hear our prayer
Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord
Amen

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

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

**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 that 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 Gloria

**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. He is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world. Alleluia.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Blessing

We believe Jesus has been raised from the dead in glory.

Amen

We believe we are raised with Christ.

Amen

May our hearts and minds be set on things above,
Where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Amen

And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be amongst us and remain with us and those
For whom we care

Amen

Hymn – The Day Thou Gavest

The day you gave us, God, is ended;
the darkness falls at your request.
To you our morning hymns ascended;
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank you that your church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world its watch is keeping,
and never rests by day or night.

As over continent and island
each dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor do the praises die away.

So be it, God, your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away.
Your reign endures and grows forever,
until there dawns your glorious day.

Dismissal

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

We go into the world
To walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory
Thanks be to God.

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.