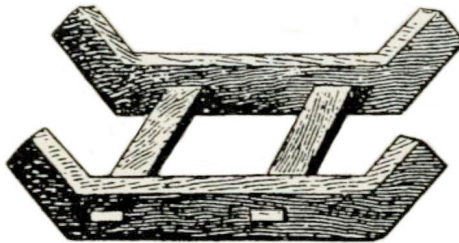


REQUIEM
MASS

for

Edward William Stephen
the Lord Mowbray and
Stourton

(17 April 1953 – 7 January 2021)



30TH JANUARY 2021

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, ALLERTON PARK

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.
2. Drop your still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace,
the beauty of your peace.
3. Breathe through the heats of our desire
your coolness and your balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!

GREETING

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

The Celebrant then sprinkles Edward's coffin with holy water, as he says:

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism Edward died with Christ and rose with
him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

COLLECT

Celebrant:

○ GOD,
who alone are able to give life after death,
free your servant Edward from all sins,
that he, who believed in the Resurrection of your Christ,
may, when the day of resurrection comes,
be united with you in glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

SIT

read by Camilla Green

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3:2-4)

THERE IS an appointed time for everything, and a time for everything under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot the plant; a time to break down and a time to build; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

read by James Stourton

℟. Lead me in the path of life eternal.

O where can I go from your spirit,
or where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb the heavens, you are there.
If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I take the wings of the dawn,
if I dwell at the sea's furthest end,
even there your hand would lead me,
your right hand would hold me fast. ℟.

If I say "Let the darkness hide me
and the light around me be night"
even darkness is not dark for you
and the night is as clear as the day.
For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation. ℟.

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth.
O search me, God, and know my heart.
O test me and know my thoughts.
See that I follow not the wrong path
and lead me in the path of life eternal. ℟.

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the resurrection and the life,
 says the Lord,
 whoever believes in me will never die.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-4).

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

DO NOT LET your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please SIT for the Homily.

BIDDING PRAYERS

read by Francesca Shuttlewood and Isabel Davison

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please SIT while the gifts are brought to the altar.

Then please STAND for the following dialogue, which concludes the Offertory:

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice
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.

At the end of the Prayer over the Gifts, all respond: Amen.

PREFACE I OF CHRISTIAN DEATH

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Celebrant: **I**T IS TRULY RIGHT AND JUST,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.

Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed not ended,

and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominations,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end, we acclaim:

SANCTUS

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli
et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in
nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
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.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

KNEEL

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION I

After the consecration of the host and chalice, the celebrant says:

Celebrant: The mystery of faith:

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

DOXOLOGY ☩ GREAT AMEN

At the end of the Eucharistic prayer, the celebrant says:

Celebrant: Through him and with him and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is taken up by all:

All: O UR FATHER,
 O 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.

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
 graciously grant peace in our days,
 that, by the help of your mercy,
 we may be always free from sin
 and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope
 and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your Apostles,
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
 look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
 and graciously grant her peace and unity
 in accordance with your will.
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

During Holy Communion, the following is sung:

GOD BE IN MY HEAD *by John Rutter*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing

EULOGY

given by James Stourton

A GREAT LOVE IS WAITING FOR ME...

read by Louise Aubrey-Fletcher

What will happen on the other side,
when for me everything has whirled
into eternity... I do not know!
I only believe.
I only believe that a great Love is waiting for me.
Now that the moment is drawing near,
and the cross is inviting me to pass through the wall,
what I have come to believe
is that I am travelling towards Love as I go my way,
that I am reaching out into his Love,
that I am descending gently into life.
If I die, do not weep:
it is Love, who gently takes hold of me.
If I am afraid – and why not! –
simply remind me that Love,
that a great Love is waiting for me.
Yes, Father, here I am. I am coming towards you like a child,
I am coming to cast myself into your Love,
your Love which is waiting for me.

St John of the Cross

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: HAVING RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT,
of your Only Begotten Son,
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,
we humbly implore you, O Lord,
for your departed servant Edward,
that, cleansed by the paschal mysteries,
he may glory in the gift of the resurrection to come.
Through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Edward,
and now we come to the last farewell.
There is sadness in parting,
but we take comfort in the hope
that one day we shall see Edward again
and enjoy his friendship.
Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow,
the mercy of God will gather us together again
in the joy of his kingdom.
Therefore let us console one another
in the faith of Jesus Christ.

After a moment of silent prayer, the celebrant incenses Edward's coffin and sprinkles it with holy water.

The Celebrant then says the Prayers of Commendation:

INTO YOUR HANDS, FATHER OF MERCIES,
we commend our brother, Edward,
in the sure and certain hope
that, together with all who have died in Christ,
he will rise with Him on the last day.
Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ,
and are with you and our brother for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Celebrant continues:

LORD OUR GOD,
the death of our brother Edward
recalls our human condition
and the brevity of our lives on earth.
But for those who believe in your love
death is not the end,
nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives.
We share the faith of your Son's disciples
and the hope of the children of God.
Bring the light of Christ's resurrection
to this time of testing and pain
as we pray for Edward and for those who love him,
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

HYMN

1. Go, silent friend,
your life has found its ending;
To dust returns your weary mortal frame.
God, who before birth called you into being,
Now calls you hence, his ascent still the same.
2. Go, silent friend,
your life in Christ is buried;
For you he lived and died and rose again.
Close by his side your promised place is waiting
Where, fully known, you shall with God remain.
3. Go, silent friend,
forgive us if we grieved you;
Safe now in heaven, kindly say our name.
Your life has touched us, that is why we mourn you; Our lives
without you cannot be the same.
4. Go, silent friend,
we do not grudge your glory;
Sing, sing with joy deep praises to your Lord.
You, who believed that Christ would come back for you,
Now celebrate that Jesus keeps his word.

AT THE GRAVESIDE

Celebrant: Our brother Edward has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers. Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with Edward; together may we meet Christ Jesus when he who is our life appears in glory.

We read in sacred Scripture:

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you, and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our brother may sleep here in peace until you awaken him to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendour of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

As Edward's body is lowered into the grave the Celebrant prays:

Celebrant: Because God has chosen to call our brother Edward from this life to himself, we commit his body to its resting place, for we are dust and unto dust we shall return. But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead. So let us commend our brother to the Lord, that the Lord may embrace him in peace and raise up his body on the last day.

Celebrant: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Celebrant: Listen, O God, to the prayers of your Church on behalf of the faithful departed, and grant to your servant, Edward, whose funeral we have celebrated today, the inheritance promised to all your saints. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness. Through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
All: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Celebrant: May he rest in peace.
All: Amen.

Celebrant: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
All: Amen.

Celebrant: May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Celebrant: Go in peace.
All: Thanks be to God.



REST *by Alan Curtis*

The memories and love I leave behind
Are yours to keep
I have found my rest;
I have turned my face to the sun,
and now I sleep