



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CHRISTOPHER NELSON SMITH

25th April 1948 - 4th February 2022



The Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit
Monday 21st February 2022
at 1.00 pm



ENTRANCE HYMN

Be still, and know I am with you,

Be still, I am the Lord.

I will not leave you orphans.

I leave you with my world. Be one.

You fear the light may be fading,

You fear to lose your way.

Be still, and know I am near you.

I'll lead you to the day and the sun.

Be glad the day you have sorrow.

Be glad, for then you live.

The stars shine only in darkness,

And in your need I give my peace.



FIRST READING

1 John, Chapter 3: verses 1-2

Paul

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 23

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where He gives me repose.

Response.

Near restful waters He leads me,
to revive my drooping spirits.
He guides me along the right path;
He is true to His name.

Response.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil will I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Response.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Response.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Response.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4: verses 13-18

Richard

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the Archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever.

With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God loved the world so much,
that he gave His only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples; 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's 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.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise To You, Lord, Jesus Christ.

EULOGY

Nicola

HOMILY

Father Michael



BIDDING PRAYERS

Lee

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy... **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

The family and friends of Chris seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord, in your mercy... **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Those who trusted in the Lord, now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord, in your mercy... **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**



OFFERTORY HYMN

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.



COMMENDATION PRAYERS

FINAL HYMN

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world,
Shine upon us, set us free
By the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
Shine on me:

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story:
Shine on me:

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