

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

# JOHN GERRARD KELLY

14th September 1958 - 18th May 2020



St Barnabas Cathedral

Thursday 3rd September 2020  
at 10.00 am



# ORDER OF SERVICE





WELCOME

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

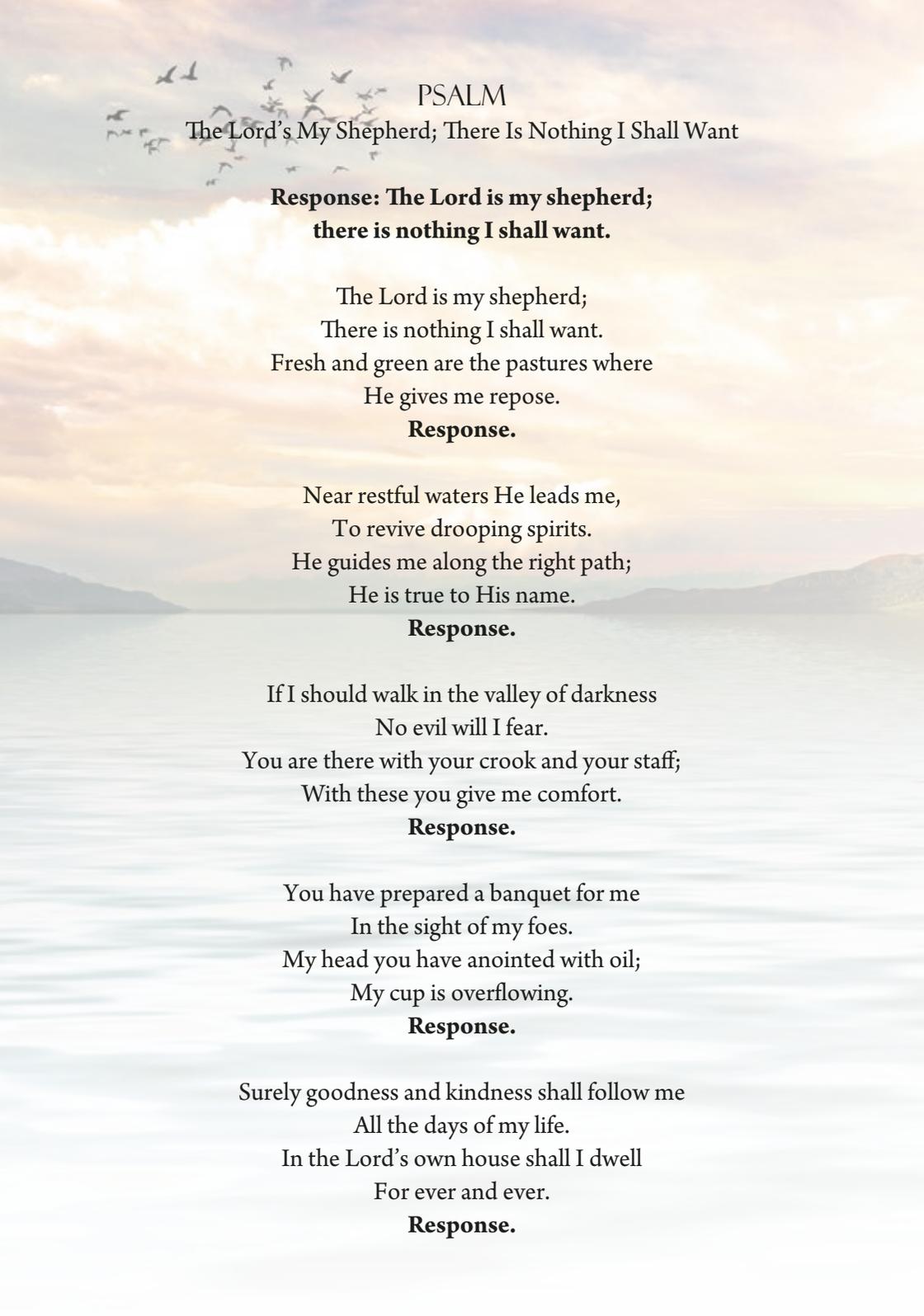
FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 25: verses 6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord.



PSALM

The Lord's My Shepherd; There Is Nothing I Shall Want

**Response: 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 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.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
that whoever believes in the Son  
shall have eternal life,  
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to 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 your 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.



'John and his Godchildren'



'John's Grandchildren'

## HOMILY

Canon Malachy Brett: Cathedral Dean

## BIDDING PRAYERS

Response: Hear our prayer.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

## THE PREFACE

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
Amen.



## CONCLUDING PRAYER

### EULOGY

John what a truly amazing man you were.

I remember the first time we met, you were so charming and polite.

Over time we would have conversations over the fence talking about my garden, which you admired.

John also wanted a garden that had beautiful flowers.

Together we created the garden that John wanted.

John's health took a turn for the worse, which resulted in him having a stroke, unable to walk or talk.

John never had any local family to care for him, so I decided at that moment to help him on his road to recovery. I just wanted my friend back, so we could laugh and talk for hours, as we always did.

I won't tell lies; it wasn't an easy journey. There were lots of ups and downs. Good days and bad days, but most of all - we had each other.

John, I will always carry you in my heart. You meant the world to me. A best friend, uncle, big brother; all rolled into one.

I will never have that kind of friendship with anyone else. What we had was unique.

God bless.

Rest in peace, my gentle giant... John Gerrard Kelly X



REFLECTION POEM  
Togetherness

CONCLUDING RITES

MUSIC ON EXIT  
Celtic Dreams

*Following the service, interment will take place at  
High Wood Cemetery, Low Wood Road, Bulwell NG6 7GA.*



*'John's Counselling Days'*



John's Dog Children Arkle and Lelo

## TOGETHERNESS

Death is nothing at all.

I have only slipped away to the next room.

I am I and you are you.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name,

Speak it to me in the easy way you always used;

Put no difference into your tone,

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was;

Let it be spoken without effort, for life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was.

There is absolute unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval,

Somewhere very near,

Just around the corner.

All is well.

Nothing is past; nothing is lost.

One brief moment and all will be as it was before,

Only better, infinitely happier, and forever

We will be one together with Christ.



The family would like to thank everyone  
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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