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Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind
Cranleigh, Surrey

Tuesday 20 August 2024

ENTRANCE MUSIC

Flower of Scotland – Piped by Willie Cochrane

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

by Father Alistair Simmons

EULOGY

David McAllister & Jamie McAllister

HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark Satanic Mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant Land.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 – Read by Charles Lochrane

There is a season for everything, a time for every
occupation under heaven:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting,
a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down,
a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning,
a time for dancing.

A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing; a time for keeping,
a time for throwing away.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent,
a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war,
a time for peace.

What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at. All that he does is apt for its time; but though he has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end. I know there is no happiness for man except in pleasure and enjoyment while he lives. And when man eats and drinks and finds happiness in his work, this is a gift from God. I know that what God does he does consistently. To this nothing can be added, from this nothing taken away; yet God sees to it that men fear him.

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can 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.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-20 – Read by The Rt Hon The Earl of Liverpool

This has taught us love – that Christ Jesus gave up his life for us; and we, too, ought to give up our lives for our brothers. If a man who was rich enough in this world's goods saw that one of his brothers was in need, but closed his heart to him, how could the love of God be living in him?

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-28

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.”

Judas – this was not Judas Iscariot – said to him, ‘Lord, what is all this about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?’ Jesus replied: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

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HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

In thanking you for the life of Jim, we ask you to accept the good things he has done. That those good things may be an example for us and that you may lead him, of your mercy, to eternal life. Lord hear us ...

Lord graciously hear us.

We remember all the faithful departed, especially Anita and all those known to us. May they be granted eternal rest and happiness in the presence of God. Lord hear us ...

Lord graciously hear us

Let us not forget to pray for all who are affected by the loss of one they loved. May God console them in their grief and heal the pain they feel at this time. Lord hear us ...

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all caregivers, doctors, and nurses who tirelessly serve the sick and dying. May they be blessed with strength, compassion, and wisdom as they minister to those in need. Lord hear us ...

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for a world where suffering and death will be no more. May we strive to build a society of justice, peace, and love, where all people are valued and cared for. Lord hear us ...

Lord graciously hear us.

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

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.
God's grace first taught my heart to fear,
his grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
Through every danger, trial and snare
I have already come;
his 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;
my shield and stronghold he shall be
as long as life endures.
And when this earthly life is past,
and mortal cares shall cease,
I shall possess with Christ at last
eternal joy and peace.

Anyone who is not a Catholic and therefore unable to receive Communion is instead warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply join the Communion queue, crossing your arms on your chest as you approach the priest.

READING

Footprints – Read by Fiona McAllister

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it: “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.”

The Lord replied: “My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

The Gael – Piped by Willie Cochrane

The (private) committal follows on at
Guildford Crematorium, New Pond Road, Godalming, GU7 3DB

The family would be pleased if guests would join them afterwards to
celebrate Jim's life at The Tithe Barn, Loseley Park, Guildford, GU3 1HS
from 13:15.

*Donations, if desired, in memory of Jim may be made to one of Jim's chosen
charities, Bright Cancer Care and Topic of Cancer, via scanning the
QR code below or directly to Sherlock Funeral Service, Trellis House,
190 South Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2ES*



