

A REQUIEM MASS FOR



MATTHEW CHARLES FUHER

31st May 1981 - 25th February 2023



Our Lady of Mercy and St Philip Neri
Friday 24th March 2023 at 10.00 am



ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING
Instrumental

ENTRANCE HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy 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 thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Songwriter: John Greenleaf Whittier

INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Have mercy on us, O Lord

All respond: For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All respond: And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

read by Vanessa

Reader: A reading from the Book of Lamentations
Chapter 3: verses 17-26

My soul is shut out from peace;
I have forgotten happiness.
And now I say, 'My strength is gone,
That hope which came from the Lord'.
Brooding on my anguish and affliction
Is gall and wormwood.
My spirit ponders it continually
And sinks within me.
This is what I shall tell my heart,
And so recover hope:
The favours of the Lord are not all past,
His kindnesses are not exhausted;
Every morning they are renewed;
Great is his faithfulness.
'My portion is the Lord' says my soul
'And so I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who trust him,
To the soul that searches for him.
It is good to wait in silence
For the Lord to save.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 91

read by Christine

Reader: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

All respond: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: "My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

All respond: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

It is he who will free you from the snare
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions
and under his wings you will find refuge.

All respond: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

You will not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

All respond: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand fall at your right,
you, it will never approach;
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

All respond: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;
protect you for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you,"
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

All respond: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

With length of days I will content him;
I shall let you see my saving power.

All respond: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!

All stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God!
Come, you whom my father has blessed,
Says the Lord;
Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you
Since the foundation of the world.
Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And with your spirit

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew,
Chapter 5: verses 1-12

All respond: Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

They shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

They shall be comforted

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

They shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

They shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

They shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

They shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





HOMILY
Father Andrew

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
Opening Priest's Prayer...

Let us pray for the comfort and consolation of
Matthew's family, relatives and friends.
Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us Pray that God will give us consolation, peace and
encouragement as we continue along the journey of life.
Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us:
that they may now be enjoying a Heavenly reward for their goodness
and kindness. We pray especially for Matthew's father, John.
Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray that God's love and strength may be strong in the hearts of the all the wonderful carers, doctors and nurses that have supported Matthew and the family during their years of need. May they be blessed for their goodness.

Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

For people everywhere who are grieving. That the pain they endure may not be too much to bear. And that they may experience consolation from Christ who suffered, died and rose again to eternal life.

Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the virtues of faith, hope and love. That we may be strengthened and reassured on our own journey through life.

Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

For Matthew who began eternal life with Jesus in Baptism: That our merciful and loving God will grant Matthew a place of peace and light in God's heavenly Kingdom.

Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

We ask for the intercession of our Blessed Lady, Mother of Mercy as together we pray:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Closing Priest's Prayer...

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Pray, brother and sister,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God
the almighty Father.

All respond: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All respond: It is right and just.

(The Preface for the Dead follows)

All: 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.

(The Eucharistic Prayer follows)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Mystery of Faith

All respond: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

**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: 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 our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.**

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

THE PEACE

All:

**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.**

*(If you do not normally receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church,
you are very welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Please
indicate this desire by crossing your arms in front of your chest
when you approach the priest.)*

COMMUNION HYMN

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here,
Come bow before him now
In reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground,
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around,
He burns with Holy fire
With splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him,
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David Evans

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

SONG OF FAREWELL

All: I know that my Redeemer lives,
And on that final day of days,
His voice shall bid me rise again:
Unending joy, unceasing praise!
This hope I cherish in my heart:
To stand on earth, my flesh restored,
And, not a stranger but a friend,
Behold my Saviour and my Lord.

PRAYER OF COMMITTAL

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

In peace let us take Matthew to his place of rest.

All: May the angels lead you into paradise:
May the martyrs come to welcome you
And take you to the holy city,
The new and eternal Jerusalem.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to
Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright unclouded
There will be no need for prayer
Rapture, praise and endless worship
vw be our sweet portion there.

SERVICE OF COMMITTAL

INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

COMMITTAL

INTERCESSIONS

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.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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The family wish to thank you for your sympathy and kindness which has been a great comfort at this sad time and also for your presence here today.

The family would like to extend a warm invitation to join them, after the service, at the Priest House, Park Lane, Castle-Donington DE74 2RR.

Donations, if desired, in memory of Matthew will be given to
Falcon Centre, Loughborough
(a charity supporting the homeless that was close to Matthew's heart)
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