

In Loving Memory of



HENRY WILLIAM AMBROSE

29th June 1981 - 23rd February 2019

St Margaret Clitherow
Roman Catholic Church, Keyworth
Monday 18th March 2019
at 2.00 pm

A.W. LYMN

The Family Funeral Service

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OPENING HYMN

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother, Henry. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

(Henry's coffin is sprinkled with holy water).

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother, Henry, 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 toward us and listen to our prayers; open the gates of paradise to Henry and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest: In peace let us take Henry to his place of rest.

(The cross is removed from the coffin:- all stand).

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

People: And with your spirit.

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

(The priest sprinkles Henry's coffin with holy water)

Priest: In baptism Henry received the sign of the cross. May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

(The priest places a cross on the coffin)

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, in the name of Jesus and of his Church, we gather to pray for Henry that God may bring him to everlasting peace and rest.

We share the pain of loss, but the promise of eternal life gives us hope. Let us comfort one another as we turn to God in prayer.

(Pause for silent prayer)

OPENING PRAYER

Priest:

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of Henry, whom you have called out of this world; command that he be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(All sit)

Priest: Let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

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. Amen.

Priest: Lord, your wisdom governs the length of our days. We mourn the loss of Henry whose life has passed so quickly; and we entrust him to your mercy. Welcome him into your heavenly dwelling. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(All sit)

EULOGY

Philip Ambrose

POEM

He Is Gone

read by Sarah Hamlyn

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins

(All sit)

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

(All stand)

Priest: God, the almighty Father,
raised Christ his Son from the dead;

with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

PRAYERS

read by TBC

For Henry, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For the doctors and nurses at the Nottingham Hospital Trust
and those who brought Henry home from Cuba.

May they have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Henry's family and friends.

Comfort them in their grief.

People: Hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face.

Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

FIRST READING

read by Ian

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians, Chapter 15: verses 20-23

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. Though when it is said everything is subjected, this clearly cannot include the One who subjected everything to him. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green. He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill.
For Thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

GOSPEL

(All stand)

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Priest: 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 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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.