

Funeral Mass for
James Mills
'Jimmy'

RIP



9th October 1959 ~ 27th December 2019



Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 11.00 am
Our Lady and St Edward, Gordon Road,
Thorneywood, Nottingham NG3 2LG

Led by Father Jonathan Cotton



Order of Mass

Opening Hymn

I Watch The Sunrise

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky, casting its shadow near.
And on this morning bright though it be, I feel those shadows near me.

*But, you are always close to me, following all my ways.
May I be always close to you, following all your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds, warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say: "I feel your brightness near me."
For you are always...

I watch the sunset fading away, lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes, I feel your presence near me.
For you are always...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night, waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest – only your peace is near me.
Yes, you are always...

John Glynn

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

Greeting the People

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The priest says a few words of welcome and introduction to the service.

Penitential Rite

Repeat the following after the priest:

Priest: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy... Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May Almighty God... life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Priest: Let us pray. *[Brief silent prayer for Jimmy.]*

Lord our God, the death of our brother James recalls our human condition and the brevity of our lives on earth. But for those who believe in your love, death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives. We share the faith of your Son's disciples and the hope of the children of God. Bring the light of Jesus Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for James and for those who love him, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom, Chapter 3: verses 1-6 and 9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

The Lord's My Shepherd

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 no ill.
For thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished 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 ever more my dwelling-place shall be.

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Acclamation *said by all.*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even if he dies he will live." Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord.

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."

At the end of the reading:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





Homily

by Father Jonathan Cotton

Bidding Prayers

read by Maisie Kelly, Emma Moriarty, Gillian Reilly, Marie Maher,
James Murphy and Brendan Kelly

Response after each prayer:

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

Offertory Prayers

All: Blessed be God for ever... [x2]

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We have lifted them up to the Lord.

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

All: It right and just.

The Preface

prayer concludes with: **Holy, Holy, Holy.**

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 Mystery of Faith

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The Communion Rite: *The Our Father*

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, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

And accompanying prayers, including:

For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lamb of God

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. [Repeat]**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

After the priest's prayer, we all say:

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

After Holy Communion

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
How great Thou art...

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
How great Thou art...

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
How great Thou art...

Post Communion Prayer

Eulogy

by Betty Deane

Final Commendation and Farewell

Exhortation, followed by a Farewell Chant

Response: All: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Prayer *concluding with* through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Priest: Let us go in procession to take our brother to his place of rest.

Recessional Music

The Lights Of Home by Mick Flavin

*Procession to Carlton Cemetery, Cavendish Road, Carlton NG4 3EF
for the burial at 12.30 pm.*



Christine, Siobhán, Sinéad and Séamus would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and messages of sympathy at this very difficult time.

A special thanks for all that have attended Jimmy's funeral, especially those who have travelled near and far.

We would like you to join us for refreshments at The Greyfriars, Gordon Road NG3 2LG.

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