

*Requiem Mass*  
*Celebrating the Life of*

PAUL JOSEPH DICKENS

15th January 1944 - 21st January 2018



Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 1.30 pm

Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church

Followed by committal at Wilford Hill Crematorium

Service conducted by Father Joe Wheat



*Order of Service*

## OPENING HYMN

Oh Lord my God,  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hand has 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. (2)*

And when I think of 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;

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home,  
What joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow  
With humble adoration,  
And then proclaim, My God,  
How great thou art.

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

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

**Response: Amen.**

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

**Response: And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

## OPENING PRAYER

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A READING

from the letter of St Paul to the Romans,  
Chapter 8: verses 31-35 and 37-39

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: The Lord is compassion and love.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
Nor repay us according to our faults.

**All: Response.**

As a father has compassion on his sons,  
The Lord has pity on those who fear him;  
For he knows of what we are made,  
He remembers that we are dust.

**All: Response.**

As for man, his days are like grass;  
He flowers like the flower of the field;  
The wind blows and he is gone  
And his place never sees him again.

**All: Response.**

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear;  
His injustice reaches out to children's children, when they keep his  
covenant in truth.

**All: The Lord is compassion and love.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

read by the priest

## A READING

by the priest from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Beatitudes

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# HOMILY

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: With confidence, we ask God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ, his Son, from the dead.

Reader: Dear family and friends, let us thank God for the life of Paul who followed the example of Jesus, our Saviour, that he will be received into God's heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray that all who mourn Paul's passing will find comfort in knowing that his suffering is over and trusting that he will be with the Lord.

Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for all those who cared for Paul both in the care home where he lived and the doctors and nurses in the QMC and Lourdes in July 2017.

Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray that Pope Francis, Bishop Patrick and all the clergy will be guided by God as they continue to look after people in the church

Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: In silence, let us pray for our own intentions. *(Pause)*  
Let us ask Mary, our mother, to pray with us and for us as we say

**All: Hail Mary full of grace...**

Father Joe Wheat will close the prayers of the faithful.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Chorus: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.  
You will never have to sink beneath the waves.

*Chorus*

When the fire is burning all around you,  
You will never be consumed by the flames.

*Chorus*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
Then remember I am at your side.

*Chorus*

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
Remember you are precious in my eyes.

*Chorus*

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,  
And I love you with a perfect love.

*Chorus*

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be  
acceptable to God, the Father Almighty.

**Response: 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.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Response: Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**Response: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**Response: It is right and just.**

## PREFACE

**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 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.



## THE SIGN OF PEACE

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN

*I will be with you wherever you go.  
Go now throughout the world!  
I will be with you in all that you say.  
Go now and spread my word!*

Come, walk with me on stormy waters.  
Why fear? Reach out, and I'll be there.

And you, my friend, will you now leave me,  
Or do you know me as your Lord?

Your life will be transformed with power  
By living truly in my name.

And if you say: "Yes, Lord I love you,"  
Then feed my lambs and feed my sheep.

## EULOGY

## FINAL COMMENDATION

FINAL HYMN – LOURDES HYMN

Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire;  
That title so wondrous fills all our desire.

*Ave, ave, ave Maria!*

We pray for God's glory, may His kingdom come!  
We pray for his vicar, our Father and Rome.

We pray for our mother the Church upon earth,  
And bless, sweetest lady, the land of our birth.

For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave,  
And comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.

In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,  
We'll ask thee, our mother, nor seek thee in vain.

In death's solemn moment, our mother be nigh;  
As children of Mary O teach us to die.

And crown thy sweet mercy with this special grace,  
And worship in heaven God's ravishing face.

Now to God be all glory and worship for aye;  
and to God's Virgin Mother an endless Ave.



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