



In Loving Memory of

THOMAS PETER MCFARLANE THOM

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St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

In the waters of baptism

Thomas died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

May he now share with him eternal glory.

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Music: After All These Years

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

In baptism Thomas received the sign of the cross.

May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Response: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Response: Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Response: Amen.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response: Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Response: Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Response: Thanks be to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

With longing for the coming of God's kingdom,
let us offer our prayer to the Father:

**Response: 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.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of holiness and power,
accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Thomas; do not count his
deeds against him, for in his heart he desired to do your will.
As his faith united him to your people on earth, so may your mercy join
him to the Angels in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Response: Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

The Deacon gives the final blessing, saying:
Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

All pray silently
Merciful Lord,
you know the anguish of the sorrowful,
you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Response: Amen.

OPENING 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 through 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.

Scottish Psalter (1650)

INVITATION TO PRAYER

My brothers and sisters,
we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us
as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death.
Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and
forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather Thomas to himself.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God and Father,
it is our certain faith

that your Son, who died on the cross, was
raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who
have fallen asleep. Grant that through this
mystery your servant Thomas, who has gone to his rest in Christ,
may share in the joy of his resurrection.

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.

Response: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

read by Nora Kellerher

A reading from the first letter of St John, Chapter 3: verses 1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called
God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to
acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God, but what we are to
be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is
revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

INTERCESSIONS

For our brother Thomas, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said,
"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even
in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us
who mourn for Thomas, and dry the tears of those who weep.

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend;
comfort us in our sorrow.

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

You promised paradise to the repentant thief;
bring Thomas to the joys of heaven.

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;
give him fellowship with all your Saints.

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood;
grant him a place at the table in your heavenly Kingdom.

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Thomas;
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Blessed is the Lord, our God.
Response: Blessed is the Lord, our God.

Almighty and ever-living God,
Remember the mercy with which you graced your servant Thomas in life.
Receive him, we pray, into the mansions of the saints.
As we make ready our brothers resting place,
Look also with favour on those who mourn
And comfort them in their loss.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Response: Amen.

SOLILOQUY

by Sarah Thom

COMMITTAL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our brother Thomas,
and we commit his body to the ground:
Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
The Lord bless him and keep him,
the Lord make his face to shine upon him,
and be gracious to him,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
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.
Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

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.
Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

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.
Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
Upon those who hold him in fear;
His justice reaches out to children's children
When they keep his covenant of truth.
Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

GOSPEL
The Lord be with you.
Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6
Response: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your heart be troubled.
Trust in God and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;

RITE OF COMMITTAL

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 for 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Glory be to you, O Lord.

HOMILY

PANEGYRIC

read by Simon Thom and Craig Thom

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

read by Renate Hickie, Christopher Hickie, Sophie Hickie,
Kelly Thom, Elise Thom and Reece Thom

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead;
with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

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

We pray to the Lord:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life,
that he may be raised up on the last day.

INVITATION

Our Brother Thomas has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the
Lord now welcome him to the table of God’s children in heaven. With faith
and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers.
Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited
one day with Thomas; together may we meet Christ Jesus when he who is
our life appears in glory.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
That I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
And that I should raise it up on the last day.

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

All praise to you, Lord of all creation.

Praise to you, holy and living God.

We praise and bless you for your mercy,
We praise and bless you for your kindness.

Blessed is the Lord, our God.

Response: Blessed is the Lord, our God.

You sanctify the homes of the living
And make holy the places of the dead.
You alone open the gates of righteousness
And lead us to the dwellings of the saints.

Blessed is the Lord, our God.

Response: Blessed is the Lord, our God.

We praise you, our refuge and strength.

We bless you, our God and Redeemer.

Your praise is always in our hearts and on our lips.
We remember the mighty deeds of the covenant.

SONG OF FAREWELL
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 COMMENDATION
To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of Thomas your servant; in the sight
of this world he is now dead; in your sight may he live for ever.
Forgive whatever sins he committed through human
weakness and in your goodness grant him everlasting peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Response: Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL
In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.
Thomas Peter Mcfarlane Thom is then taken to his final resting place.

CONCLUDING MUSIC
The Last Post

Lord in your mercy:
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us,
that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord in your mercy:
Response: Lord, 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:
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who mourn: for the family and friends of our brother Thomas,
that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the
death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord in your mercy:
Response: Lord, 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:
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

God, our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cry of your people:
hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters.
Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Response: 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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis 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;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

With longing for the coming of God's kingdom,
let us offer our prayer to the Father:

All say:

**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.

POEM

read by Lucy Burdette

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Thomas and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Thomas again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

SILENCE

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

The coffin is now be sprinkled with holy water and incensed.