

*To Celebrate the Life
of*



David James Blake

9th August 1932 - 9th July 2023

Church of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday 25th July 2023
at 1.00 pm



RECEPTION INTO CHURCH

OPENING HYMN

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 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...
Dan Schutte (b.1947)



PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ON THE COFFIN

INTRODUCTION

Liz Thorne

We bring to the altar items that reflect the life of David,
our dad, granddad, great granddad, father-in law and friend.

OPENING PRAYER



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Apocalypse, Chapter 14: verses 13

Rosie Blake

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down:
Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says;
now they can rest for ever after their work,
since their good deeds go with them.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

Joe Blake

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
in verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths, for his name sake. **R/.**

Even though I walk in the dark valley,
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R/.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R/.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **R/.**



POEM

I Do Not Go Alone
by Helen Steiner Rice
read by Kathleen Blake

If God should beckon me with outstretched hand
And whisper softly of an unknown land,
I shall not be afraid to go,
For though the path I do not know,
I take His hand without fear,
For He who safely brought me here
will also take me safely back,
And though in many things I lack,
He will not let me go alone
Into the valley that's unknown,
So I reach out and take His hand
And journey to the promised land.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:
Whoever believes in me will never die.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say
all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad,
because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

EULOGY

Alan, Paul, Colin Blake

BIDDING PRAYERS

Anita Blake and James Thorne

The response to the bidding prayers is:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.



OFFERTORY HYMN

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, “My refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust.”

*And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.
And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings...

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.
And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings...

For to His angels He’s given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings...

Michael Joncas (b.1951)



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

**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

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right and just.**

**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

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

**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.**

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 dis-
tress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

LAMB OF GOD

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light,
Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light,
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light...

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making Your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light...

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)



RECESSIONAL HYMN

*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 sink beneath the waves.
Do not be afraid...

When the fire is burning all around you,
You will never be consumed by the flames.
Do not be afraid...

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
Then remember I am at your side.
Do not be afraid...

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
Remember you are precious in my eyes.
Do not be afraid...

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
And I love you with a perfect love.
Do not be afraid...

Gerald Markland (b.1953)



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Farewell, Dad,
So many wonderful memories that we will cherish.
Always in our hearts.

“Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Luke, Chapter 23: verse 42

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