

Requiem Funeral Mass

# Paul Joseph Packer

21st July 1950 – 5th June 2023



Monday, 10th July 2023 at 12.00 noon

Corpus Christi Church, Southchurch Drive, Clifton

followed by burial at 1.30 pm at Southern Cemetery, Wilford Hill

# Order of Service

*Led by Father Wilfred SCJ*

## OPENING HYMN

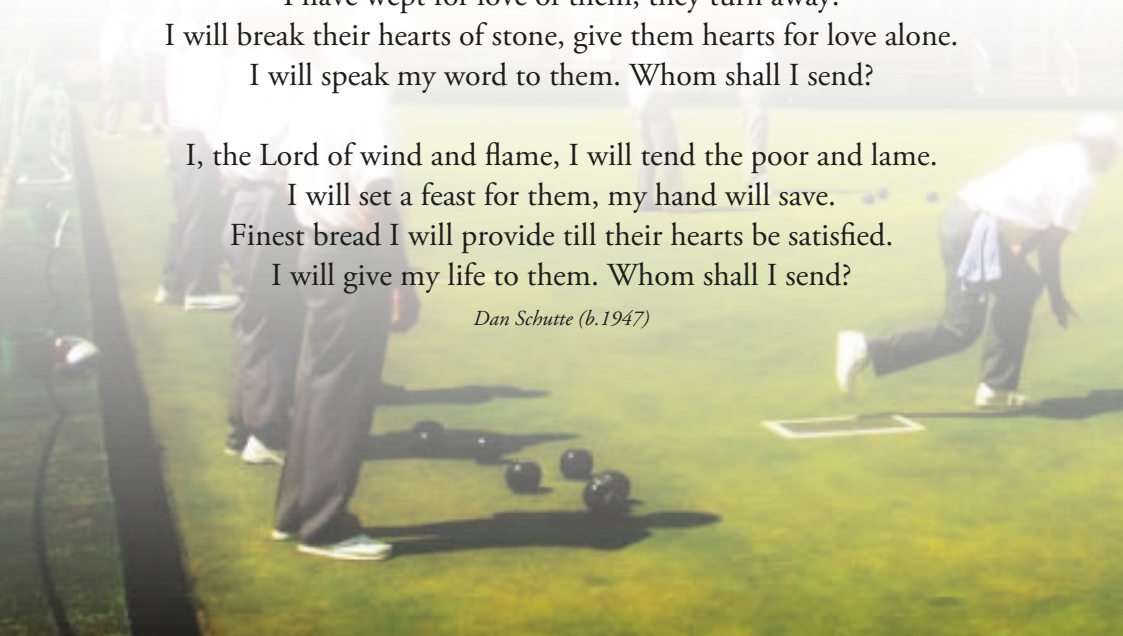
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*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 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?

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?

*Dan Schutte (b.1947)*



## OPENING PRAYER

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,  
Chapter 10: verses 34-36 and 42-43  
read by Jack Kidger

*God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive or dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

‘The Truth I have now come to realise,’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men, and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

read by Jack Kidger

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

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.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

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.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

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.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

**Response: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the  
Romans, Chapter 6: verses 3-4 and 8-9  
read by Michael Brown

*Let us live a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in this death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

read by Father Wilfred SCJ

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Jesus Christ is the First-born from the dead;  
to him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke,  
Chapter 23: verses 44-46 and 50 and 52-53

*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

It was about the sixth hour and with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle, and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

read by Susan Packer

Father Wilfred: Dear Friends, let us pray humbly to God our most merciful Father, for our brothers and sisters who have died in the Lord. Lord of your mercy, forgive their sins.

Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: For Paul who has died in faith; Lord we beg you to accept the good things he has done. Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: In thanking you for the life of Paul we ask you to accept the good things he has done. That those good things may be an example for us and that you may lead him, of your mercy, to eternal life. Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: Let us not forget to pray for all who are affected by the loss of one they loved. May God console them in their grief and heal the pain they feel at this time.

Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: Increase their faith and strengthen their hope. May they meet with their loved ones again in heaven.

Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: Let us pray also for ourselves, still pilgrims on earth. May God console and keep us safe in his service. May our hearts be raised to a longing for the things of heaven.

Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray with Mary Mother of God and Mother of us all.

**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Priest

## OFFERTORY PROCESSION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ Our Lord,  
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,  
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.

Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ Our Lord,  
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,  
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ Our Lord,  
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,  
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ Our Lord,  
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,  
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.

Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ Our Lord,  
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ Our Lord,  
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,  
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ Our Lord.

*(1976 Kevin Mayhew Ltd)*





**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**OUR FATHER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*People who are not Catholic will be invited  
to receive a blessing if they wish.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

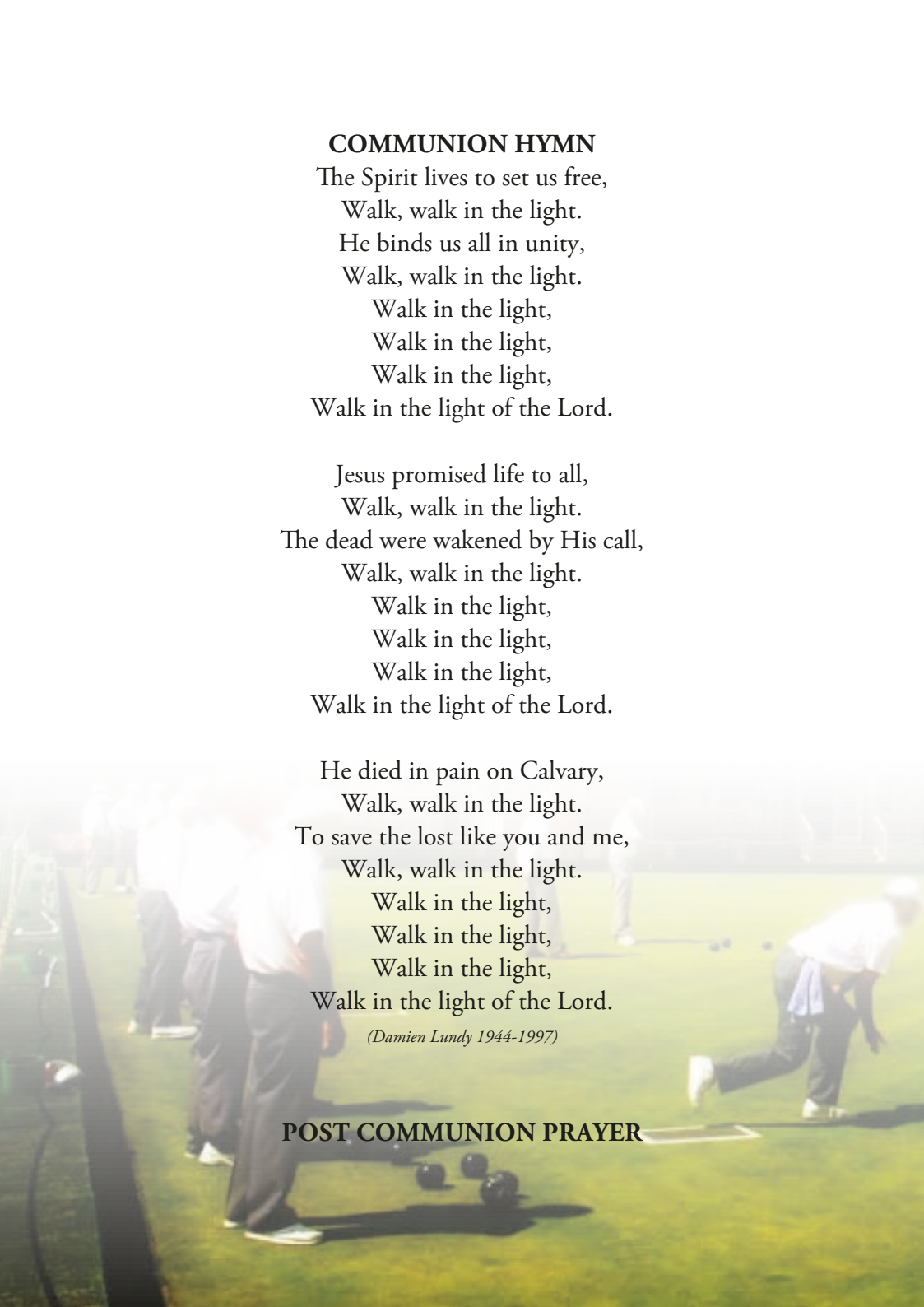
The Spirit lives to set us free,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by His call,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.

He died in pain on Calvary,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
To save the lost like you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.

*(Damien Lundy 1944-1997)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER



## POEM

A Crown Green Bowler's Prayer  
read by Kevin Packer

Are there bowling greens in Heaven, Lord,  
Crown Greens I mean for me?  
Will there be lush grass, warm breezes  
And endless cups of tea?

When you decide to call me, Lord,  
In your special way,  
Could there be a team one player short  
Who might ask me to play?

Do you have a pavilion, Lord,  
Where we could sit and talk?  
Can you give me lots of energy  
So that I am never short?

Could I meet family and friends, Lord,  
All those who have gone before?  
Have you lots of seats for supporters  
And markers who will score?

Would you volunteer to be Captain, Lord,  
To endure there is fair play?  
For if you draw the cards, and measure,  
I hope to play you someday.

*P. Helliwell*

## EULOGY

given by Jenna Packer, Paul's daughter

## RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Time To Say Goodbye  
by Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman

The family would like to thank everyone  
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

All are welcome for light refreshment at  
The Royal British Legion, Donington Road,  
Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8BJ.

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