



Chris's family thank you for your prayers, your sympathy and support and for joining us today to celebrate his life.

Please do take a Mass card with you to remember Dad, available at the back of the church.

A.W. LYMN

*The Family Funeral Service**

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*To Celebrate the Life
of*



Christopher Bernard Cuming

7th July 1932 - 6th April 2024

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, Nottingham

Thursday 16th May 2024 at 11.30 am



Final Prayer and Blessing

We give thanks for the harvest of the heart's work:

Seeds of faith planted with faith;

Love nurtured by love;

Courage strengthened by courage.

We give thanks for the fruits of the struggling soul;

The bitter and the sweet;

For that which has grown in adversity.

And for that which has flourished

In warmth and grace;

For the radiance of the spirit in autumn

and for that which must Now fade and die.

We are blessed and give thanks.

Michael Leunig



Eulogy

read by Richard Cuming

Commendation Hymn

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
Be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true Might;
Be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.



'Tis a fearful thing to love what death can touch.

A fearful thing to love,
to hope,
to dream,
to be – to be,
and oh, to lose.

A thing for fools, this,
and a holy thing, a holy thing to love.

For your life has lived in me,
your laugh once lifted me,
your word was gift to me.
To remember this brings painful joy.

'Tis a human thing, love,
a holy thing,
to love what death has touched.

Yehuda HaLevi

Order of Service

Entrance Music

Faure's Requiem: Agnus Dei Organist: Robert O'Farrell



Offertory Processional

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love.

Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.

Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.





Opening Hymn

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on Thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to Thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.

*Be still, my soul; Thy best, Thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

Be still, my soul; Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, Thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

*Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the veil of tears,
Then shalt Thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe Thy sorrow and thy fears.

*Be still, my soul; Thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.*

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

*Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Romans, Chapter 8: verses 31b-35 and 37-39
read by Monica Purdue



Psalm

Psalm 25: verses 6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21
read by Amelia Cuming

Gospel

Matthew, Chapter 11: verses 25-30

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

read by Kevin Cuming

