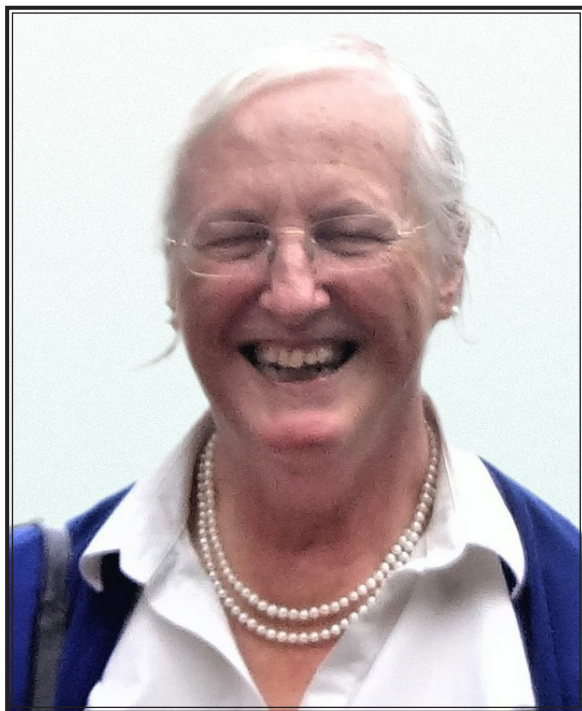

*A Requiem Mass for
and thanksgiving for the life of*



Tessa Gould

15th July 1947 – 22nd December 2020

St Edmund's Church, Beckenham

Thursday 11th February 2021

at 12:30 pm



Order of Service

Requiem Mass
St Edmund's Church
Beckenham
at 12:30pm



RECEPTION OF THE COFFIN
from the back of church

MUSIC AS THE COFFIN ENTERS

HOW LOVELY ARE THY DWELLINGS FAIR
recorded from 'A German Requiem' by Johannes Brahms

INTRODUCTION & OPENING PRAYERS
Fr Steve Wymer, Parish Priest

FIRST READING

1 JOHN 3: 1-2

You must see what great love the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's Children, which is what we are! The reason why the world does not acknowledge us is that it did not acknowledge him. My dear friends, we are already God's children, but what we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed. We are well aware that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

JOHN II: 17-27

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me, will never die/ Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

Fr Steve Wymer

BIDDING PRAYERS

POEM

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP

*by Clare Harner Lyon (1909-1977); widely but,
it seems, erroneously attributed to Elizabeth Mary Fry*

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

read by Maurice Graham Weall

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERTORY

SILENT WORSHIP

an aria by G. F. Handel, arranged for organ and flute

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS & COMMUNION

EULOGY

FINAL COMMENDATION

Service of Committal

Beckenham Crematorium

Elmer's End

at 2pm



MUSIC AS WE ENTER

SYMPHONY N° SIX

“THE PASTORAL”

by Ludwig van Beethoven

PRAYERS FOR TESSA

PRAYERS OF COMMITTAL

MUSIC DURING THE COMMITTAL

IN PARADISUM

“REQUIEM MASS”

by Gabriel Faure

FINAL BLESSING



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