



*Celebration of Life and
Funeral Liturgy
for
The Venerable
John Spencer*

Requiem Mass for The Venerable John Gillam David Spencer

Officiant: The Right Reverend Todd Townshend

Preacher: The Ven. Robert Lemon

Organist: Ian Sadler

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Preludes

Music by Bach, Elgar & Mendelssohn

Burial Sentences

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Grace and Greeting



Hymn

I Feel the Winds of God Today

**I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.**

**It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.**

**If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
today my sail I lift.**

Collect

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Genesis 28:10-19

David Morgan

At the end of the reading the reader says:

Word of God, Word of Life

People

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-7

Daniel Cooper

Reader

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Reader

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John.

People

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The reader proclaims the gospel and says:

Reader

The gospel of Christ.

People

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sharing Memories

Evelyn Scott

Sermon

The Venerable Rob Lemon

Anthem

'In Paradisum' (from 'Requiem')
Gabriel Fauré

Celebrant

All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Canon Tom Patterson

Leader

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

Grant us grace to entrust John to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive

him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favour you bear for your people.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Leader

As we remember that today would have been John's mother Mary's birthday, help us to rejoice that John is resting in your peace and dwells with family and friends and all others who went before him in faith.

People

Hear us, Lord.

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my neighbour, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer

Barry Spencer

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*
Peace

Hymn

We Love the Place O God

**We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.**

**We love the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.**

**Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant Blessed are you gracious God...

...to proclaim the glory of your name.

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might, 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.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God...

...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice...

...now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant This is the bread which has come down from
heaven.

All **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

We invite all Christians who are baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of denomination, to join with us in receiving the Church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy Eucharist.

Agnus Dei

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Communion Music Abide With Me
**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's dark sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Prayer After Communion

THE COMMENDATION

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth shall we return.**

**For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

**All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The celebrant, facing the body, says,

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant John.

Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Hymn Lift High the Cross
**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises shout!
If we are silent even stones cry out.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife;
Teach us compassion for each human life.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme;
Let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
To follow and suffer with the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
Come, take up this son into eternity.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Blessing

The Ode to Newfoundland

**When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
And Summer spreads her hand
When silvern voices tune thy rills
We love thee smiling land
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee smiling land.**

**When spreads thy cloak of shimm'ring white
At Winter's stern command
Thro' shortened day and starlit night
We love thee frozen land
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee frozen land.**

**When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore
And wild waves lash thy strand
Thro' spindrift swirl and tempest roar
We love thee wind-swept land
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee wind-swept land.**

**As loved our fathers, so we love
Where once they stood we stand
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above
God guard thee Newfoundland
God guard thee, God guard thee
God guard thee Newfoundland.**

Organ Postlude

Imperial March (Op.32) - Sir Edward Elgar



The Venerable John Gillam

David Spencer



*Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*