

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE MUSIC You Raise Me Up by Westlife

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ON THOMAS' COFFIN

WELCOME AND GREETING Father John Martin

OPENING HYMN

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish...

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.
So I'll cherish...

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.
So I'll cherish...

George Bennard (1873-1958)

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

The Book of Wisdom, Chapter 3: verses 1-9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are at peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

> God has put them to the test and proved them to be worthy with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and

the Lord will be their king forever.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,

those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

This is the Word of the Lord!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

John Newton (1725-1807)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
that whoever believes in the Son
shall have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY Father John Martin

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

OFFERTORY HYMN

In bread we bring You, Lord, our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer You our spirits' grief.
We do not ask You, Lord, who is my neighbour?
But stand united now in one belief.
Oh, we have gladly heard Your Word, Your holy Word, And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
Our lives belong to You, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer You is blessed and broken,
And it becomes for us our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring, Your Word is spoken;
Make it Your gift to us, Your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil plants in our hearts' poor soil,
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in Thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

Kevin Nichols (1929-2006)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on Holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with Holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b.1957)

EULOGY

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL MUSIC
Lovely Derry On The Banks Of The Foyle by Colm and The Sundowners



ENTRANCE MUSIC The Road By The River by TR Dallas

REFLECTION MUSIC Same Way You Came In by Big Tom

EXIT MUSIC

Hometown On The Foyle by Daniel O'Donnell

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