

*To Celebrate the Life
of*



**Thomas Joseph Loftus
'Tom'**

11th April 1935 - 14th June 2026

Church of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday 14th July 2026
at 11.30 am



Order of Service

Processional Music

played by the organist



Opening Hymn

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky

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?

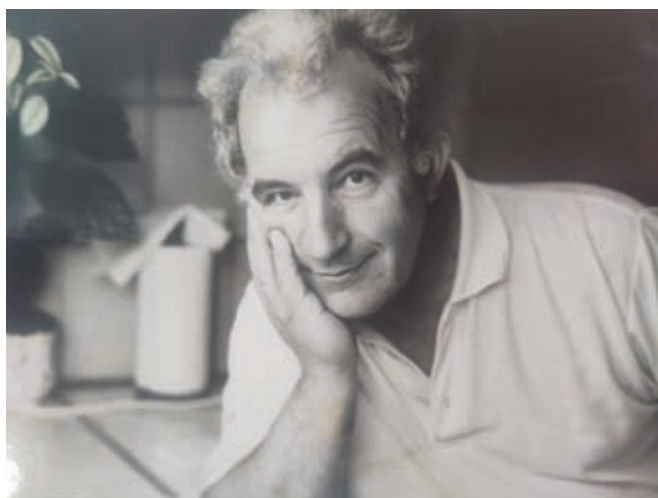
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

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)





Greeting and Opening Prayer

Priest

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom, Chapter 3: verses 1-9
read by Aileen



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord's My Shepherd

Tune: Crimond

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.

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.

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.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.





Gospel

Gospel of St John, Chapter 6: verses 37-40
read by the priest

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Family members



Offertory Hymn

I Watch The Sunrise

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning, bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

*But You are always close to me,
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to You,
Following all Your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel Your brightness near me.
For You are always...



I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel Your presence near me.
For You are always...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest -
Only Your peace is near me.
Yes, You are always...

John Glynn (b.1948)

Offertory Processors

Family
Helen and Aileen



Communion Meditation

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Master, grant that I may never seek...

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)



Post-Communion Eulogy

Michael Loftus, son

Commendation Hymn

Walk With Me, O My Lord

*Walk with me, O my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day.
Be at my side, O Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.*

Sometimes the road seems long,
My energy is spent.
Then, Lord, I think of you
And I am given strength.



Stones often bar my path
And there are times I fall,
But you are always there
To help me when I call.

Just as you calmed the wind
And walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord,
The storms that threaten me.

Help me to pierce the mists
That cloud my heart and mind,
So that I shall not fear
The steepest mountain-side.

As once you helped the lame
And gave sight to the blind,
Help me when I'm downcast
To hold my head up high.

Estelle White

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Final Prayer and Blessing

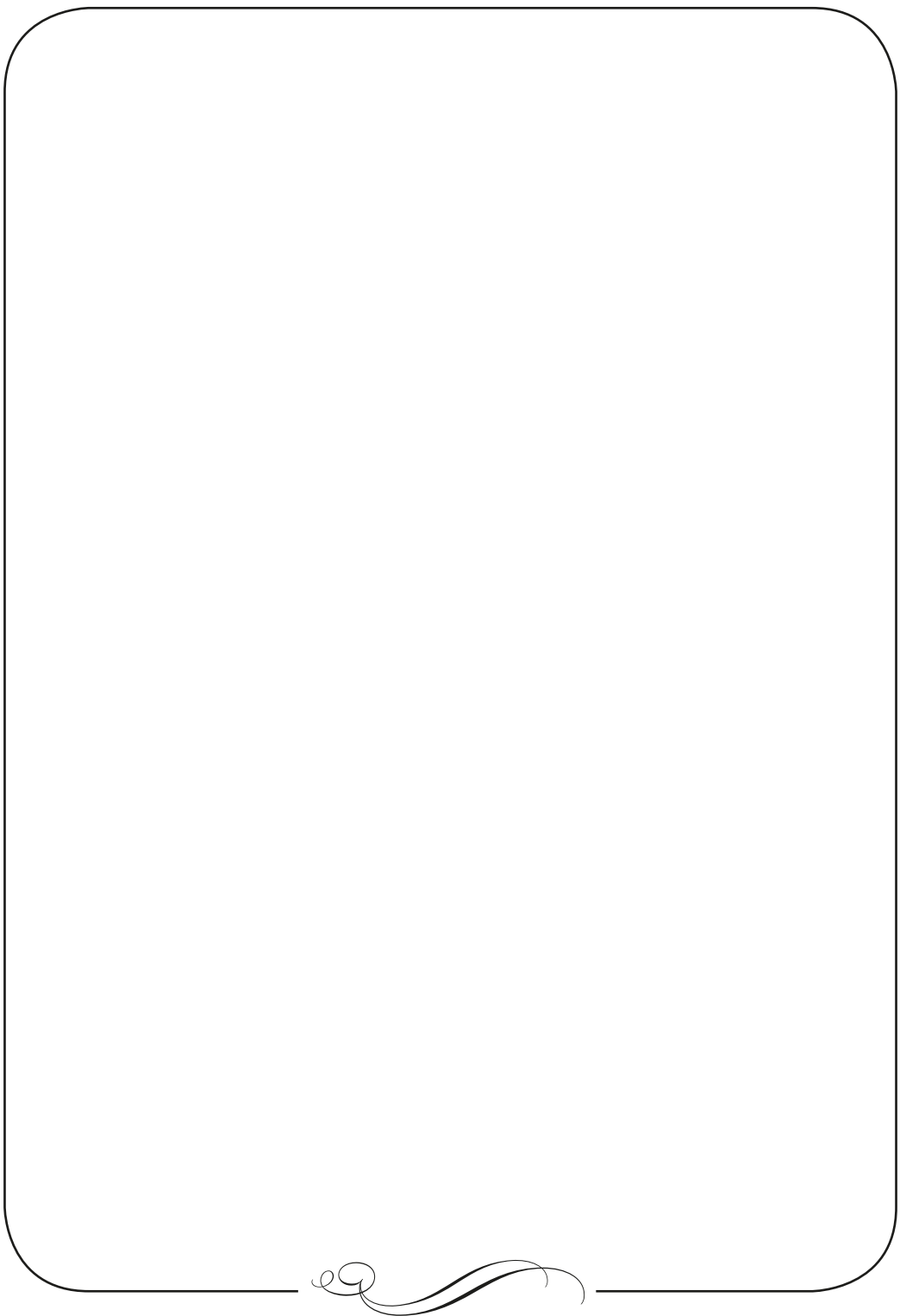
Priest

Recessional Music

played by the organist

The burial will be at Red Hill Cemetery, NG5 8NT.







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

All are welcome for light refreshment at
Mellish Rugby Football Club, Plains Road, Nottingham NG3 5RX.

Donations in memory of Thomas for
Cancer Research UK
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