

Funeral Mass  
In Loving Memory of

*Donald Cecil Galpin*

1929 - 2025



The Church of St Cyprian of Carthage  
Nottingham

Tuesday 16th September 2025

12.30 pm



# Order of Service

The Mass is celebrated and the Homily is preached by  
Father Lee Dunleavy, Curate of St Cyprian's, with  
Bishop Roger Jupp commending Donald to God's safe keeping.

*Please say or sing those parts of the service printed in bold.*

*All stand when the bell rings to sing the*  
**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to ever 'be prepared',  
In life, in death, I follow my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see Thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
And then in Heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.**



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

In the name of the ✠Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace and peace of God our Father,  
who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The priest welcomes the congregation, introduces the Mass,  
and invites the congregation to acknowledge their sins before God,  
and to ask his forgiveness.*

Lord Jesus, you promise eternal life to all who believe;  
forgive us when we doubt your mercy for those 'gone home'.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you call us to walk the path of service and love;  
forgive us when we stray from the way of discipleship.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you open wide the gates of heaven;  
forgive us when we forget that true rest is found in you alone.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**



Let us pray.

O God, almighty Father,  
our faith professes that your Son died and rose again;  
mercifully grant, that through this mystery,  
your servant, Donald, who has fallen asleep in Christ,  
may rejoice to rise again through him,  
who lives and reigns with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit for the*  
**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and there shall no torment touch them.  
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die:  
but they are in peace.  
God has put them to the test  
and proved them worthy to be with him;  
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,  
and accepted them as a burnt offering.  
They who trust in him will understand the truth,  
those who are faithful will live with him in love;  
for grace and mercy away those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



*All remain seated for*  
**PSALM 121**

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

I will lift up my eyes to the hills,  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved.  
He who watches over you will not sleep.  
Behold, he who watches over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord himself is your keeper,  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth for evermore.

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**



*All remain seated for the*  
**SECOND READING**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;  
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the former things have passed away.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the*

**ALLELUIA**

*which heralds the reading of the* **HOLY GOSPEL**



I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me shall never die.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus went to the tomb of his friend, Lazarus,  
and found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

Many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary,  
the sisters of Lazarus, to console them.  
When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,  
she went and met him,  
but Mary remained seated 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 whatever you ask from God,  
God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again  
in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.  
Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*All sit for the*  
**HOMILY**



*All stand for the*  
INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*All remain standing for the*  
OFFERTORY HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!



Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make for the soul of your servant, Donald,  
that, being cleansed by heavenly remedies,  
his soul may be ever alive and blessed in your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right and just.

*The priest continues the*

### PRÉFACE

*to the prayer of consecration. Then all sing:*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na,  
ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. \*Blessed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na,  
ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.



*All sit as the priest continues the*  
**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The mystery of faith.  
Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection,  
you have set us free.

*At the end of the prayer, all say: Amen.*

*All stand for*  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

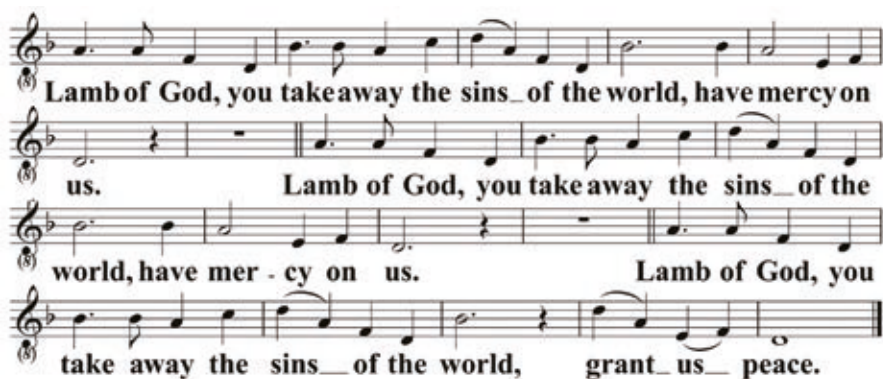
**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**



Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
“Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,”  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And with your spirit.

*All remain standing to sing*



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*All kneel*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*The priest receives Holy Communion and reads a sentence from the Bible. Holy Communion is then administered at the altar rail to those in the Chancel, and then at the Chancel Step to the congregation.*



*If you are a Confirmed member of the Church of England, or are baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and normally receive Holy Communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive today.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you, so that we may recognise you.*

*We stand to sing the*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!



Let us pray.

Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother, Donald, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Our brother, Donald, has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, let us commend him to the loving mercy of our Father and let our prayers go with him. He was adopted as God's son in baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord; may he now inherit the promise of eternal life and take his place at the table of God's children in heaven.

Let us pray also on our own behalf, that we, who now mourn and are saddened, may one day go home with our brother to meet the Lord of life when he appears in glory.



*The coffin is blessed with holy water and incense as we sing the*  
COMMENDATORY HYMN

May God the Father look on you with love,  
And call you home, with him in bliss above.  
May God the Son, good Shepherd of his sheep,  
Stretch out his hand and waken you from sleep.

May God the Spirit breathe on you his peace,  
Where joys beyond all knowing never cease.  
May flights of angels lead you on your way  
To paradise and heaven's eternal day.

May Martyrs greet you after death's dark night,  
And bid you enter into Sion's light!  
May choirs of angels sing you to your rest,  
With Lazarus, who lives, for ever blest.



Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
we commend our brother, Donald,  
in the sure and certain hope that,  
together with all who have died in Christ,  
he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings  
which you bestowed upon Donald in this life:  
they are signs to us of your goodness  
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.  
Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers:  
open the gates of paradise to your servant  
and help us who remain to comfort one another  
with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ  
and are with you and with our brother for ever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

In peace let us take Donald to his place of rest.



The service in church will be followed by a private cremation.  
Please remain in church, after the service, to greet the family  
on their return from the crematorium.

Please take this Order of Service away with you,  
and remember Donald in your prayers.

Mary and the family very much appreciate the kind words  
and letters which have brought them great comfort at this sad time.

Donations in Donald's memory for his chosen charity, the  
**RNLI**,  
may be left in the box at the back of the church,  
placed in the donation envelope, or online  
by using the below QR code.



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