

*To Celebrate the Life
of*



Graham McKenna

15th April 1943 - 7th August 2025

St Margaret Clitherow Church, Keyworth

Monday 1st September 2025 at 11.30 am



Order of Service

Processional Hymn

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound: his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might though he with giants fight;
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what they say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan (1628-1688)



The placing of two Christian symbols on Graham's coffin

Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah, Chapter 40: verses 28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

The response is: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life: whom should I dread?

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord, to enquire at his temple.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.



Second Reading

Romans, Chapter 12: verses 9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour..

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the
lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought
for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel

John, Chapter 13: verses 33-35 and Chapter 14: verse 27

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily



General Intercessions

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead:
with confidence we ask him to save his people, living and dead.

Reader: For Graham, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life:
that he may now be admitted to the company of saints.

Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who work in hospitals, in care homes and in the community,
and are entrusted with the care of the sick and the elderly: may they receive
comfort and strength.

Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.



Reader: For all those around the world who are suffering as a result of natural disasters and conflict, and for those in rescue and charitable institutions working in the stricken areas: may their efforts be successful.

Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all of us assembled here to celebrate Graham's life and work: may we be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy...

Response: Hear our prayer.

In a few moments of silence we offer our own prayers to God our Father ...

Now let us commend these and all our prayers to
God through the intercession of Mary.

Hail Mary...

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for Graham. Cleanse him and all the faithful departed from their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist



Offertory Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring,
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting king.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)



Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Music: Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring - J. S. Bach

Final Commendation

Eulogy and Tribute



Recessional Hymn

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)





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

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