

A Funeral Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Dermot St. John McDermott

4th of July 1939 - 5th of April 2024

May he rest in peace



St. Richards of Chichester Church
Wednesday 1st of May 2024

At 12:00 p.m.

Celebrant: Canon Tom Treherne

INTRODUCTORY RIGHTS

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE COFFIN

Please stand

Priest: In the name of the Father and of
the Son and the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit

The priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water as a reminder of Dermot's baptism

Priest: In the waters of baptism Dermot died with Christ
and rose with Him to new life.

May he now share with Him eternal glory.

Opening 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.

Welcome Introduction

Please sit

Canon Tom Treherne

Personal reflection

Georgina and Arabella
James and Peter

Placing of Christian Symbols

Dermot's Sunday Missal, Douai Prayer Book and Crucifix

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is. 25:6 to 9)
The Lord will destroy death forever

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.



On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Hymn

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 none 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.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:51-57)

I will tell you something that has been secret:
that we are not all going to die,
but we shall all be changed.
This will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye,
when the last trumpet sounds.
It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable,
and we shall be changed as well,
because our present perishable nature must put on imperishability
and this mortal nature must put on immortality.
When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true:
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law.
So let us thank God for giving us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

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**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

There are many rooms in my father's house

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Homily

Please sit

Intercessions

Reader: Heavenly father, thank you especially for your gift to us of Dermot who blessed us all with his kindness and enriched our lives with his love. We are grateful for our special memories of your love in action through him. We ask, that inspired by him, through Your Holy Spirit, we too may relay the love we have received to others manyfold.

Lord in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer

Reader: Lord God, we pray for the souls of those who have lately died to find their way to God's kingdom. We commend to you the soul of Dermot's first cousin, Peter McDermott, who died on the 6th of April. May you welcome them to your paradise.

Lord in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer

Reader: We pray for ourselves, his family and friends that we may honour Dermot's memory. May we grow in love, hope and reconciliation, so that those he held close to his heart may flourish in the warm glow of his loving memory.

Lord in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer

Reader: We pray for Helen and give thanks for the love and care she shared with Dermot. May all those who are suffering from the effects of Dementia on their lives and the sadness it brings, find peace and love in your heart

Lord in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer



Reader: For all our brothers and sisters experiencing hunger
and poverty and homelessness, especially children.
That through the intercession of Our Lady they will be
consoled and supported; we pray to the Lord:

Lord in your mercy.
All: Hear our prayer

Reader: We unite our prayers with Mary
as we pray together:

Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole
Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does,
because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified
Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.*

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light:
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

 All ye men of tender heart
 Forgiving others take your part
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

 Let all things their Creator bless,
 And worship God in humbleness,
 O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one:
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Preparation of the Gifts

Please stand

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.



All: 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.

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right and just.

All: 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.

The Priest says the preface, which concludes with:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

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.

Please kneel

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer III.

After the words of Consecration:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection,

until you come again.

At the conclusion of the prayer the Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, says:

Priest: Through Him, and with Him, and in Him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is Yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen



THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil.
Graciously grant us 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,
the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

The Peace

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your Apostles:
peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not upon
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.

All: Amen

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.



Breaking of the Bread

**All: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Please kneel

Holy Communion

Priest: 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.

**All: Lord, I am not worth to receive you,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*If you are not able to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, you
are most welcome! Come forward and cross your arms across your chest.*

Communion Hymn

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.



Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
O King of glory, my treasure Thou art.

O King of glory, my victory won;
Rule and reign in me 'til Thy will be done;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer After Communion

THE FINAL COMMENDATION

Please stand

Invitation to prayer

Silence

Signs of Farewell

*The coffin is sprinkled with holy water, a reminder of Dermot's baptism,
and incense is used as a sign of respect for the body
as a temple of the Holy Spirit*

Refrain :

May the choirs of Angels come to greet you.

May they speed you to paradise.

May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.

May you find eternal life

Prayer of commendation

Priest: In peace, let us take the body of Dermot
to its place of rest



Recessional Hymn

Oh Lord, my God

When I, in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration

And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Thank you to the organist and the choir of St Richards



Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail
Or knock the breast, no weakness, no contempt,
Dispraise, or blame, nothing but well and fair,
And what may quiet us in a death so noble.

Milton



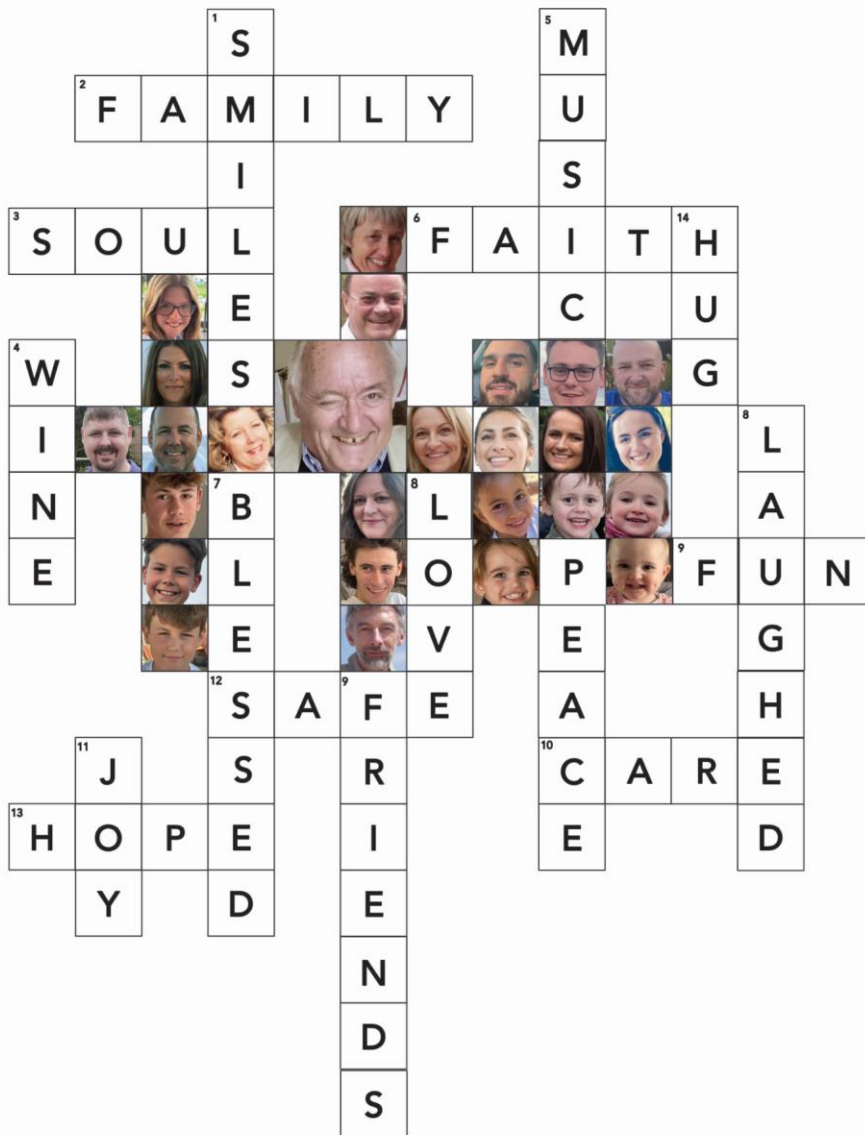
I have gathered a garland of other men's flowers,
and nothing is mine but the cord that binds them.

Michel de Montaigne - Essais (1595)

After silence that which comes nearest to expressing
the inexpressible is music.

Aldous Huxley





Dermot's legacy

We can shed tears that he is gone ...
Or we can smile because he has lived.

We can close our eyes and pray that he will come back ...
Or we can open our eyes and see all that he has left.

Our hearts can be empty because we can't see him ...
Or we can be full of the love we've shared.

We can turn our back on tomorrow and live for yesterday ...
Or we can be happy tomorrow because of yesterday.

We can remember him and only that he is gone ...
Or we can cherish his memory and let it live on.

We can cry and close our minds, be empty and turn our backs ...
Or we can do what he'd want: smile, open our eyes, love, and go on.





May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.

Irish poem

Georgina, Arabella, James, Peter and all the family would like to express appreciation and gratitude for all the support and kindness shown to them at this very sad time.

They invite you to join them after the service at The Minerva Bar, upstairs at Chichester Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, Chichester PO19 6AP.

Order of service created with love by Georgina and Arabella

