

*Thanksgiving for the life of*

James Simpson

*known as 'Jim*

*1<sup>st</sup> March 1945 – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025*



The evening  
light,  
We do not  
need,  
If we have a  
lamp  
turned down  
low  
And shining  
In our hearts.

Requiem Mass  
ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH  
9<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
1.00 pm

## **ENTRANCE ‘Flower of Scotland’**

*played by a Bagpiper*

## **GREETING THE PEOPLE**

*All make the sign of the cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

## **HYMN**

**All:** 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;  
Bear me through the swelling current,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.

*English Translation by Peter Williams*

## THE PENITENTIAL RITE

**Priest:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

*Pause*

You were sent to heal the contrite:  
Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

**Priest:** You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy

**All: Christ, have mercy**

**Priest:** You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

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

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** Let us pray:

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Jim, whom you have called out of this world; and because he put his hope and trust in you, command that he be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

**All:     Amen**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)**

**Reader:** On that day; On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:       Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM**

**All:** 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

*Psalm 23 from the Scottish Psalter, 1650*

## **SECOND READING: I Corinthians 15:51-57**

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Behold! I tell you a mystery.  
We shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, in

a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory'. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:**      **Thanks be to God**

*PLEASE STAND*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die  
Alleluia! Alleluia**

## **GOSPEL**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All:**      **And with your spirit**

**Priest:** A reading from the holy **Gospel according to St.  
John**

**All:        Glory to you, Lord**

**Priest:** At that time Jesus said to his disciples: 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him: 'I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All:        Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*PLEASE SIT*

**EULOGY**

**HOMILY:**

*PLEASE STAND*

**INTERCESSIONS**

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

**Reader:** For our brother, washed by the waters of baptism and anointed with holy oil, that he may be led into the company of the saints.  
Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

**Reader:** Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home in heaven.  
Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

**Reader:** For the family and friends of our brother Jim, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus  
Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

**Reader:** For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.  
Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever**

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**All: Blessed be God for ever**



*After the Priest washes his hands he then addresses the congregation:*

**PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, 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**

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Priest:** As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Jim, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever

**All:**       **Amen**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**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**

**Priest:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

**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 OR BE SEATED***

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

*When the Priest invites the Congregation:*

**Priest:** The mystery of faith

**All:**     **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free**

*When the Priest 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**

## **COMMUNION RITE**

*PLEASE STAND*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Priest:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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 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

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours now and forever**

## THE RITE OF PEACE

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles:  
Peace I leave you peace, 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

**All: Amen**

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

**All: And with your spirit**

**Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace

## AGNUS DEI

**Priest:** Lamb of God

**All: 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**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*PLEASE KNEEL*

*The priest raises the host slightly*

**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 worthy  
              that you should enter under my roof,  
              but only say the word  
              and my soul shall be healed,**

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**All:        My God loves me.  
              His love will never end.  
              He rests within my heart  
              for my God loves me.**

**His gentle hand  
he stretches over me.  
Though storm-clouds threaten the day  
he will set me free.**

**He comes to me  
in sharing bread and wine.  
He brings me life that will reach  
past the end of time.**

**My God loves me,  
his faithful love endures.  
And I will live like a child  
held in love secure.**

**The joys of love  
as offerings now we bring.  
The pains of love will be lost  
in the praise we sing.**

*Verse 1 Anonymous*

*Verses 2-5 Sandra Joan Billington*

## **POST COMMUNION**

*PLEASE STAND*

**Priest:** Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant Jim, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord

**All:      Amen**

*PLEASE SIT*

## **A POEM ‘I am free’**

*PLEASE STAND*

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

## **SONG OF FAREWELL**

**I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and on that final day of days,  
his voice shall bid me rise again:  
unending joy, unceasing praise!**

**This hope I cherish in my heart:  
to stand on earth, my flesh restored,  
and, not a stranger but a friend,  
behold my Saviour and my Lord**

## HYMN:

**All:** O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r 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*

When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

### **Chorus**

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.

### **Chorus**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
When I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

### **Chorus**

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*played by a Bagpiper*

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this time***

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***Mass will be followed by  
Refreshments in the Barn***



## I AM FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the paths God made for me.  
I took his hand I heard him call,  
Then turned and bid farewell to all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found my peace... at close of play.

And if my parting left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow,  
I wish you all sunshine tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savoured much,  
Good friends, good times... A loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,,  
God wants me now... He has set me free.

*Anonymous*



***To live in the hearts  
of those we leave  
behind is not to die***





### **Acknowledgements**

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