

*Thanksgiving for the life of*

John Anthony Miller

*10th March 1938 - 20th April 2026*



Requiem Mass  
ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
11.30 am

## Entrance Music: Ave Maria

*Bach/Gounod*

## 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: Morning has broken, like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day**

*Eleanor Farjeon(1881-1965)*

## 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 John, 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**

**Reader:** A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**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 none ill.  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou has 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*

**PLEASE STAND**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says**  
**the Lord, take your heritage, the kingdom**  
**prepared for you since the foundation of the**  
**world**  
**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**

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 was 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 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*

**MEMORIES OF JOHN:**

**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 those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face  
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:** The family and friends of John seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief.  
Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

**Reader:** Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.  
Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*PLEASE SIT*

**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 John, 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:** **Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the  
skies.**

**heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain  
shadows flee;**

**In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me**

*H F Lyte (1793 – 1847)*

## **POST COMMUNION**

*PLEASE STAND*

**Priest:** Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant John, 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**

## **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.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:

**All: All: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could  
destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of  
the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane  
and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of  
the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to  
embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the  
day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is  
balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the  
day.**

*Jan Struther (1901-53)*

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and support at this time***

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