

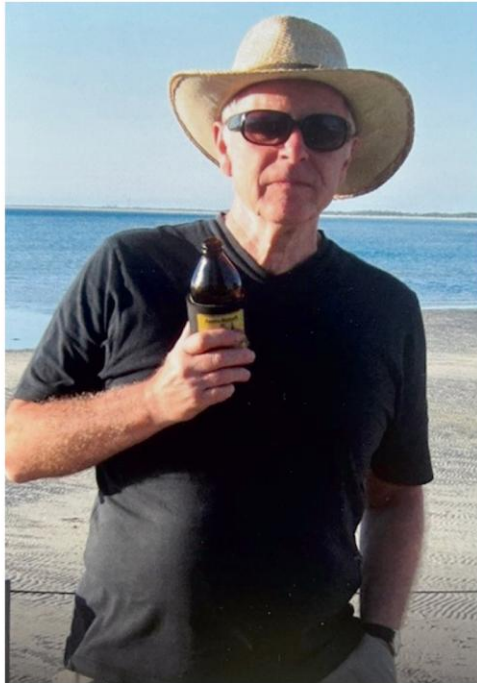
Requiem Mass

For the Repose of the Soul and with Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Michael Mercer

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16th May 1947 ~ 22nd July 2025



Catholic Church of Christ the King, Steyning
Thursday 7th August 2025
11:00am

Requiem Mass celebrated by Father Graham Ricketts

Order of Service

Gathering Music

When the Saints go Marching in ~ Organist

Introit

Organ and Antiphon

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Penitential Rite

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Opening Prayer

First Reading – Revelation 21.1-5a, 6b-7

'Death shall be no more'.

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, 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 dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'

And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.'

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

Psalm 23

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 through 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you
since the foundation of the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel – John 13. 12-15, 33-35

A new commandment.

The Lord be with you, **and with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you Lord

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.'

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Bidding Prayers

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

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.

Offertory Hymn

Oh Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made:
I see the stars, I hear the mighty 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;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee

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

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
To take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation ... Bread of life

Blessed be God forever

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation ... Our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God forever

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

Our Father

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.

Agnus Dei

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.

Holy Communion

The Priest now receives Holy Communion. He then gives Holy Communion to the faithful, those not receiving Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate by bowing your head and folding your arms across your chest.

During Holy Communion

Ave Maria

Post Communion Hymn

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with waters flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moment make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Post Communion Prayer

Family Tribute

Song of Farewell

May the choirs of angels come to greet you,
May they speed you to paradise,
May the Lord enfold you in His mercy

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Music

Three Little Birds, Bob Marley & The Wailers

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You are warmly invited to gather after the service
for refreshments at Steyning Cricket Club
where the family will join you shortly after the private committal.

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