

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



‘MIKE’  
MICHAEL LEO DONLEVY

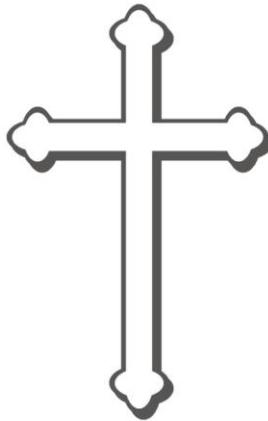
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

MONDAY | 9 FEBRUARY 2026 | 12:00PM

Christ The King Church, Steyning

Service conducted by  
Father Graham Ricketts & Father Chris Ingle



**Introit** – organ instrumental music to the tune of *Soul of my Saviour*

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord . . .*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord . . .*

## **Prayers and Placing of Christian Symbols**

### **Penitential Rite**

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

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading – 1 John 3.1-2

*We shall see God as He is*

#### **A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.**

*Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Responsorial Psalm 27(26)**

**Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

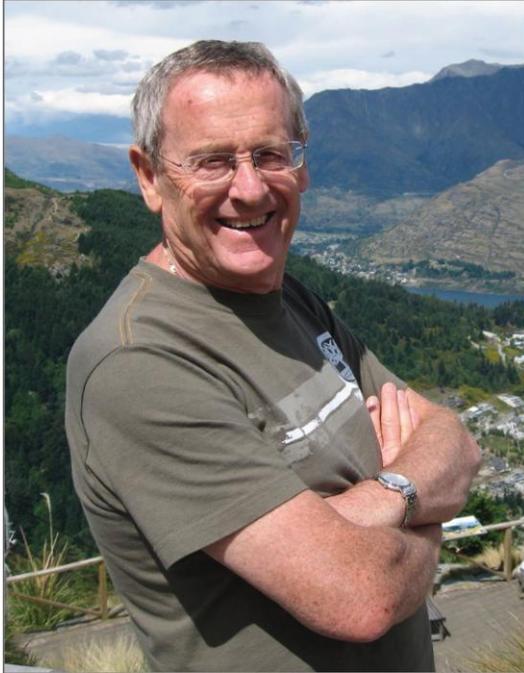
Alleluia, alleluia!

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!

#### **Gospel – Matthew 5.1-12**

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven*





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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you Lord**

*At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:*

*'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'*

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.**

## **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.

## **Hymn**

As I kneel before you  
As I bow my head in prayer  
Take this day, make it yours  
And fill me with your love

*Ave Maria*

*Gratia plena*

*Dominus tecum*

*Benedicta tu*

All I have I give you  
Every dream and wish are yours  
Mother of Christ  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord

*Ave Maria*

*Gratia plena*

*Dominus tecum*

*Benedicta tu*

As I kneel before you  
And I see your smiling face  
Every thought, every word  
Is lost in your embrace

*Ave Maria*

*Gratia plena*

*Dominus tecum*

*Benedicta tu*

## **Family Tribute**

**Ave Maria (solo)** will be sung during the  
**Prayer of Commendation & Committal**

### **Hymn**

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, Lord, 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;  
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**Recessional** – sung solo – We'll Meet Again

**Committal**



Mike's family would like to thank everyone for coming today and for their kind words of support. You are warmly invited to join them after the service for refreshments at:

**The Castle Inn,  
The Street, Bramber, BN44 3WE**

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Mike, the chosen charity is:



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