

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MILAN STRONCEK

21st March 1977 - 29th January 2025

Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 11.00 am St George's Church, Chichester



RECEIVING THE COFFIN

The coffin is received at the entrance to the church and sprinkled with holy water

ENTRANCE MUSIC

In Paradisum from Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* sung by soloist

GATHERING AND INTRODUCTION by Father Angus

TRIBUTES

HYMN Abide With Me

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!

THE COLLECT PRAYER

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil

and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-7 and 27

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

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, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place 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.

If you know me, you will know my Father also.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

ADDRESS by Father Angus

HYMN Lord Of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever child-like, 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 kindliness, 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.

PRAYERS ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

WORDS OF COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

During the commendation, the coffin is sprinkled with holy water and censed with incense while Song Of Farewell by Ernest Sands is played on the organ

FINAL BLESSING

EXIT MUSIC Vičnaja Pamjať / Eternal Memory

PRAYER OF COMMITTAL The Prayer of Committal is said outside



Kto v srdci žije, neumiera.



Thank you for attending today and for all your kind thoughts and wishes.

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