

Thanksgiving for the life of
Sophie Caroline Daniele Marie Abbott
21st October 1963 – 7th January 2025



ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH
Wednesday 5th February 2025
1.00 pm

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: *All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.*

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)

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 Sophie, whom you have called out of this world; and because she put her hope and trust in you, command that she 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

PLEASE SIT

FIRST READING: *Read by Cher*

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all 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.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM: *Read by Matthieu*

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want

All: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.

All: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

Reader: He guides me along the right path; for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort

All: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

Reader: You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

All: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

Reader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending..

All: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

PLEASE STAND

All: 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 Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord

Priest: 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

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PLEASE SIT

EULOGY: *Read by Kathy*

HOMILY

PLEASE STAND

INTERCESSIONS *Read by Cher*

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: The family and friends of Sophie seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer

Priest:

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 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

PLEASE STAND

BLESSING

Priest: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Priest: May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

FINAL COMMENDATION

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Sophie and now we come to the last farewell. There is a sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Sophie again and enjoy her friendship. Although this gathering will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen**

SONG OF FAREWELL

All: **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 MUSIC: Adagio for Strings *Samuel Barber*

***Sophie's family thank you for your prayers and support
at this time***

***Please now join them at Worthing Crematorium (Horsham
Road, Findon, West Sussex, BN13 0RG), followed by our
celebration of Sophie's life at (Findon Manor, High St, Findon,
Worthing, BN14) which will commence around 3.30pm. Please
enjoy your first drink at the bar on us.***

***If you wish to make a donation in memory of Sophie
please make it to:***

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Morning has broken

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