

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love  
interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm,  
O still small voice of calm

*J G Whittier (1807-92)*

REQUIEM MASS CELEBRANT; *The Reverend David Mills*  
ORGANIST: *Tom Andrews*

## ENTRANCE MUSIC

*Hymn "Lord of All Hopefulness"*

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)*

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

WELCOME

BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

OPENING PRAYER

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST READING

*Wisdom 3:1-9*

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks Be to God**

PSALM 89

*Sung by John and Margaret*

Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord, forever will I sing His Praises **Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord, forever will I sing His Praises**

I have found my servant David with My holy oil anointed.  
My hand shall be with him always, My arm make him strong.  
Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord, forever will I sing His Praises

**Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord, forever will I sing His Praises**

My kindness shall always be with him, through My name he shall be exalted.  
He shall always call me his Father, for I am his saviour.  
Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord, forever will I sing His Praises

**Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord, forever will I sing His Praises**

*John Michael Talbot*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A POEM BY JRR TOLKEIN

Roads go ever ever on,  
Over rock and under tree,  
By caves where never sun has shone,  
By streams that never find the sea;  
Over snow by winter sown,  
And through the merry flowers of June,  
Over grass and over stone,  
And under mountains in the moon.

Roads go ever ever on  
Under cloud and under star,  
Yet feet that wandering have gone  
Turn at last to home afar.  
Eyes that fire and sword have seen  
And horror in the halls of stone  
Look at last on meadows green  
And trees and hills they long have known.

PERIOD OF REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*“Dear Lord and father of mankind”*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
forgive our foolish ways.  
Re-clothe us in our rightful minds,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise,  
in deeper reverence praise.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

OUR FATHER

COMMUNION HYMN

*"I watch the sunrise"*

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky  
casting its shadows near.  
And on this morning, bright though it be,  
I feel those shadows near me.

*Refrain;*

*But you are always close to me  
following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
following all your ways Lord*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds  
warming the earth below.  
And at the midday life seems to say  
I feel your brightness near me  
*But you are always...*

I watch the sunset fading away,  
lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes its eyes  
I feel your presence near me  
*But you are always...*

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
waiting till morning comes.  
The air is silent, earth is at rest  
only your peace is near me.  
*Yes, you are always....*

*John Glynn*

SECOND READING FROM ST PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

*2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort that we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ comfort overflows.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL

*Please Stand*

The Lord be With You: **And with your Spirit**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

**Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying:  
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted,  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth,  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled,  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy,  
Blessed are the poor in heart, for they will see God,  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God,  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kind of evils against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of The Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please be seated

HOMILY

## BIDDING PRAYERS

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Jesus his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

For David who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the Saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer**

For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, especially David's wife Cathy, his Parents, his sister Miriam, Joe and Martin, that they all may see God face to face.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer**

For David's family and friends, especially his children, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer**

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together with David, his wife Cathy and all his deceased relatives and friends in God's kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer**

For all carers, nurses and doctors, that they may feel supported and encouraged in their work.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer**

We turn to our Lady comforter of the sorrowful as we say

**Hail Mary ....**

Priest: We make all these prayers through our Lord.....

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*"Be not afraid"*

You shall cross the barren desert  
but you shall not die of thirst.

You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live

## Antiphon

Be not afraid, go before you always,  
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters  
in the sea you shall not drown.

If you walk a-mid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,

know that I am with you through it all  
Antiphon

Blessed are the poor,

for the Kingdom shall be theirs

Blest are you that weep and mourn

for one day you shall laugh

And if wicket tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,

Blessed, blessed are you

Antiphon

*Bob Dufford based on Isaiah 43 2-3, Luke 6-20ff*