



Requiescat in Pace

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of

James Selby Bennett

14th June, 1954 – 30th October 2020

Lulworth Castle Chapel

Tuesday 10th November

10:15am

Order of Service

ENTRANCE HYMN

(please do not sing, just listen)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD Nicholas Selby Bennett (*Please Sit*)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

At the end the reader says:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response : The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. (repeat)

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Response : The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. (repeat)

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

Response : The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. (repeat)

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Response : The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. (repeat)

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.

Response : The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. (repeat)

(Please stand for the Alleluia)

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest : I am Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord. No-one can
come to the Father except through me.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

People: **Glory to you O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL - John 14:1-6

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People: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE HOMILY (*Please sit*)

THE BIDDING PRAYERS Bruce Selby Bennett (*Please stand*)

Prayers are now said for James; his family, friends and all the departed.

After each prayer:

Reader: Lord, in your mercy.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

After the final bidding, the Hail Mary is said:

All: **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.**

PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please sit as the offerings for Mass are prepared.

HYMN

(please do not sing, just listen)

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
as who had heard God's message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
to save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
into the light that nevermore shall fade;
deep your contentment in that blest abode,
who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
while in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands his Cross from that dread hour to this,
like some bright star above the dark abyss;
still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were his servants, in his steps they trod,
following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, he rose; victorious too shall rise
they who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead
whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
commits her children to thy gracious hand.

All stand

Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his
holy church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
People: **It is right and just.**

The Priest concludes the Preface:

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy 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.**

All kneel (or sit) as the priest continues to say the Eucharistic Prayer, including the words of the Lord over the bread and wine, which become his Body and Blood.

Then the priest says: The mystery of faith.

People: **We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.**

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Please stand

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 coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

All: **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.

Please sit or kneel

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

TRIBUTE Andrew Selby Bennett

FINAL COMMENDATION (Please stand)

As the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water, and incensed, the priest prays for James. Holy Water is a reminder of the new life of baptism; incense is a sign of honour to the human body, which in life is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Saints of God come to his aid, hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

People: **Receive his soul, and present him to God, the Most High.**

Priest: May Christ who called you take you to himself, and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

People: **Receive his soul, and present him to God, the Most High.**

Priest: Eternal rest grant to him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

People: **Receive his soul, and present him to God, the Most High.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Priest In peace, let us take James to his place of rest.

The people come to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not receiving are very welcome to come forward for a blessing from the priest. Please cross your hands in front of you to indicate this to him.

HYMN

(please do not sing, just listen)

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

This Requiem Mass will conclude with a private cremation.





Donations in memory of James for Cancer Research UK may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU.

Or online at www.funeraldirector.co.uk/james-selby-bennett

