



Requiescat in Pace

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of

John Reginald Ackerman

25th August, 1925 – 9th March 2021

The Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Joseph,
Wool

Thursday 25th March
2:30pm

At the door of the Church, the Priest sprinkles the coffin with Holy Water, as a reminder of Baptism, in which Christ promises eternal life to his people. He says:

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.**

Priest: In the waters of baptism John died with Christ and rose to new life with him. May he now share with him eternal glory.

The coffin is now taken into the church.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(please do not sing, just listen)

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion,
Conjubilant with song
And bright with men and angels
And all the martyr throng.
The prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast.
And they, who with their leader
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (*Please Sit*)

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9

Read by Robert Ackerman

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his peoples' shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

At the end the reader says:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (129)

Response : **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Reader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

Response : **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Reader: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

Response : **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Reader: My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

Response : **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Reader: Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Response : **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

(Please stand)

People: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

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

People: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going'.

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

At the end he says:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE HOMILY *(Please sit)*

THE BIDDING PRAYERS Andrew Ackerman *(Please stand)*

Prayers are now said for John, 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)

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
the blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
in Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,
and Jesus calls us to heaven's perfect peace.

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.**

EULOGY

By Robert Ackerman

FINAL COMMENDATION (Please stand)

As the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water, and incensed, the priest prays for John. 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 John 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)

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 the 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

This Requiem Mass will conclude with a Private interment.



Donations in memory of John for the RAF Benevolent Fund may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU.

Or online at www.funeraldirector.co.uk/john-ackerman



Elizabeth & John
Reunited