

FUNERAL MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF  
**WILLIAM GLEN MCGREGOR**



**‘BILLY’**

*2<sup>nd</sup> August 1947 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021*

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St Catherine's Roman Catholic Church  
Wimborne

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 11:00am  
Service Conducted by Father Paul Keys



## ENTRANCE MUSIC

*'Hello Again' by Neil Diamond*

## INTRODUCTORY RIGHTS

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

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to  
intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die-I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*1 John 3:1-2 read by Joe McDougall*

The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 22 (23) read by Joe McDougall*

*After each verse of the Psalm the following response is said.*

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

## SECOND READING

*God's Garden read by Jon Best*

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, alleluia! It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
that whoever believes in the Son shall have eternal life, and  
that I shall raise them up on the last day. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

*John 14:1-4*

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

*A reflection on readings*

## BIDDING PRAYERS

*Read by James Hewitt*

*Prayers are now said for Billy, his family, friends and all the departed.*

*Each prayer ends with the phrase 'Lord, in your mercy'*

*to which all respond:*

All: Hear our prayer.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

*The preface is then prayed which concludes with everybody proclaiming.*

All: 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.

*The bread and wine are then consecrated to become the body and blood of Jesus. The people respond with the mystery of faith.*

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues concluding with the response.*

All: Amen.

## COMMUNION RITE

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.

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 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 for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you:  
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously her peace and unity in accordance with your  
will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.



## HOLY COMMUNION

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God behold him who  
takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

*For Catholics, reception of Holy Communion represents both union with  
Christ and the Catholic Church. Accordingly, we respectfully request that  
only practising Catholics receive the Body of Christ. All of those  
attending, however, are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.*

*During communion 'Ave Maria' is played.*

## HYMN

I watch the sunrise  
Lighting the sky,  
Casting its shadows near.  
And on this morning  
Bright though it be,  
I feel those shadows near to me.

*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 mid-day  
Life seems to say:  
“I feel your brightness near me.”  
*For 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.  
*For 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...*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### MEMORIES OF GRANDAD

*Read by Kimberley Best*

### A LETTER FROM BILLY

## FINAL PRAYERS & COMMENDATION

### EXIT MUSIC

*'You'll Never Walk Alone' by Jerry & the Pacemakers*



*Billy's Family would like to thank you for your support and for attending this service.*



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