



'Jim'

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of

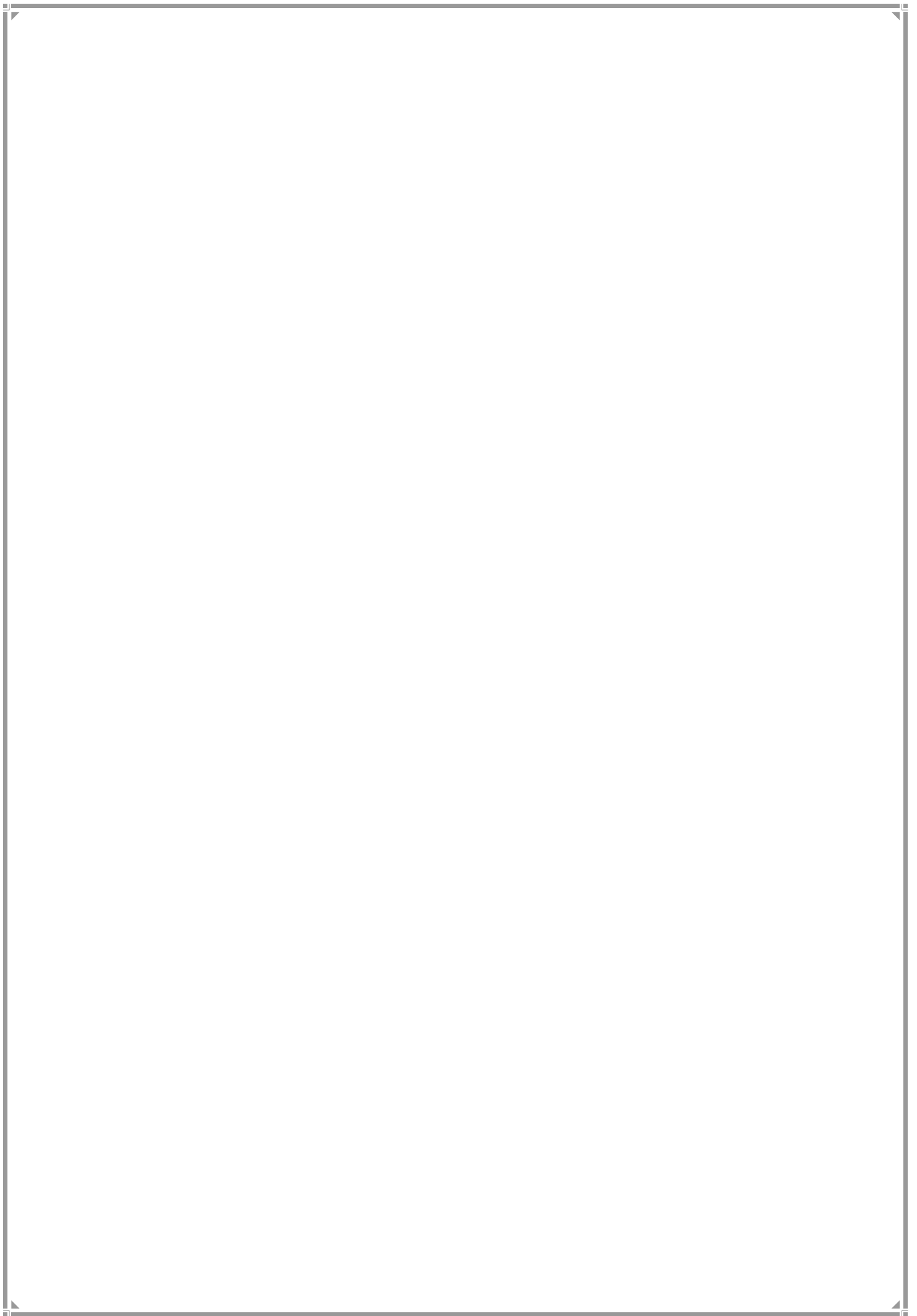
James Reginald Harry Parsons

9th November 1934 – 2nd June 2022

The Church of St Edward the Martyr, Wareham

Tuesday 28th June 2022

2:00pm



All stand. 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.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing streams do flow.
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey though.
Strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my fears subside.
Death of death
And hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

W Williams

The coffin is taken into the church, and on it is placed a bible, his Word which nourishes our Christian souls during our lives, and a cross. The priest welcomes all present and invites them to pray for Jim.

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (*Please sit*)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wisdom 3:1-9). Read by John.

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: The Lord's my shepherd sung by Grace Loveless

Please stand for the Alleluia and Gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia! If we have died with Christ, then we shall live with Him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with Him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL - Matthew 25, 31-40

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit for the Homily, then stand again for the Bidding Prayers, read by Patrick.

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

God of mercy and compassion
Look with pity upon me.
Father, let me call thee Father
Tis' thy child returns to thee.

Chorus

**Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy
Let me not implore in vain.
All my sins I now detest them
Never will I sin again.**

By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery
Hell with all its pains and torments
And for all eternity. Chorus.

By my sins I have abandoned
Right and claim to heaven above
Where the saints rejoice forever
In a boundless sea of love. Chorus.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying
On the cross of Calvary.
To that cross my sins have nail'd him
Yet he bleeds and dies for me. Chorus.

Edmund Vaughan

All stand

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

All: **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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Mass setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour by Dan Schutte)

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.

Priest: 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 sing: **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.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All then sing:

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.**

The people come receive Holy Communion. The priest will go to the back to distribute communion. Those who are not receiving are very welcome to come for a blessing from the priest. Please cross your hands in front of you to indicate this to him. During Holy Communion, May the Choirs of Angels (Psalm 26 by Ernest Sands) will be sung by Annie Loveder.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please stand)*

EULOGY and POEM (Dina, Helen, Matthew and John)

FINAL COMMENDATION

As the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water, the priest prays for Jim. 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 Jim to his place of rest.

The coffin is taken from the Church as the following hymn is sung:

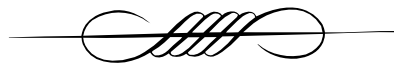
O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

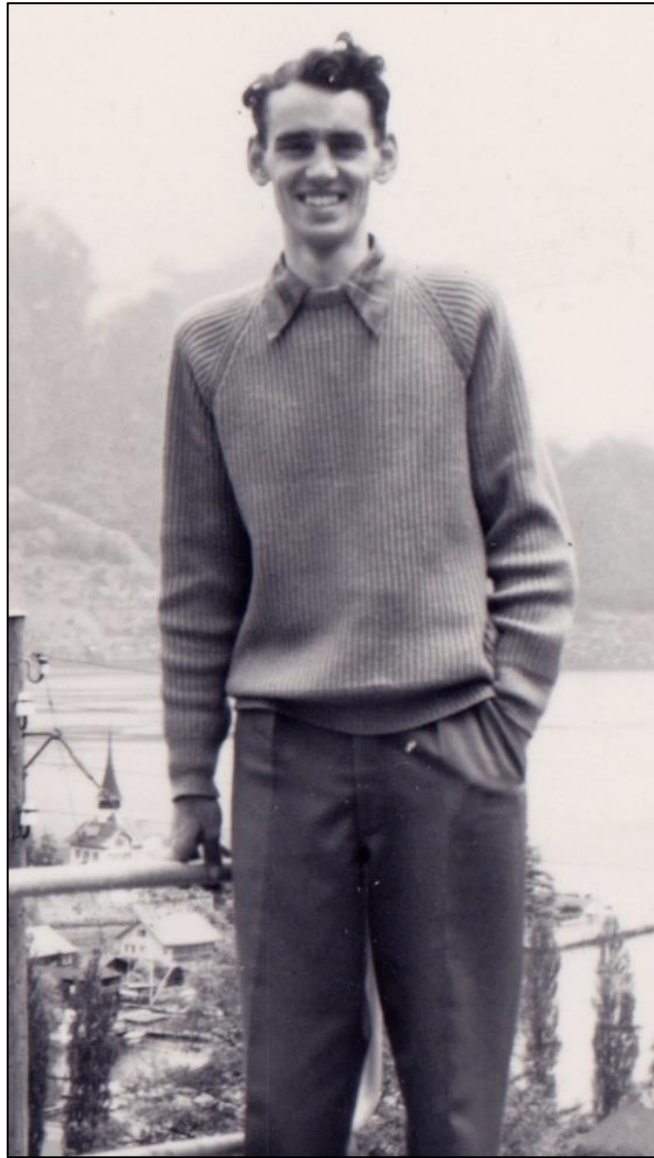
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

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. Chorus.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! Chorus.
Carl Gustav Boberg; Translator: Stuart K. Hine



This Service will be followed by a private committal



Jim's family wish to thank you for all your kind messages of sympathy and support and for attending this Service here today to celebrate his life.

There will be a Retiring Collection in memory of Jim for Weldmar Hospicecare. Donations may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU.

Or made online at: www.funeraldirector.co.uk/jim-parsons

You are warmly invited for refreshments at The Horse and Groom, St Johns Hill, Wareham, BH20 4LZ for refreshments, where the family will join you following the committal