

REQUIEM MASS

for the repose of the soul of

ANN NOREEN WIDDECOMBE

(4th October 1947 – 8th July 2026)



WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2026

St Mary's Abbey, Buckfast



Buckfast Abbey

WELCOME

Welcome to Buckfast Abbey, a Benedictine monastery. For over one thousand years, this has been a monastic site. We hope you will fully participate in this celebration, and that you will experience the presence of God in this sacred place.

Today's Requiem Mass is offered by the Right Reverend David Charlesworth OSB, *Abbot of Buckfast*. We welcome the Most Reverend George Stack, *Archbishop Emeritus of Cardiff*.

The First Scripture Reading is read by Jem Widdecombe. The Gospel is read by the Reverend John Patrick, *Deacon*. The Intercessions are read by the Very Reverend Canon Mark O'Keeffe, *Dean of Plymouth Cathedral*, in attendance on behalf of the Diocese of Plymouth.

The Abbey Choir is directed by Matthew Searles, *Master of the Music* and the organ is played by Charles Maxtone-Smith, *Organist*.

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DONATIONS

Should you wish to make a donation in memory of Ann, these will be divided between the Leprosy Mission and Aboud India. Donations can be made via the funeral directors at www.stockmanandloram.co.uk/donations

ORDER OF MUSIC

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß (BWV 622) J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

In manus tuas (Op. 8) Jeanne Demessieux (1921–1968)

Elegy George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Amazing grace how sweet the sound*

John Newton (1725–1807)

Amazing Grace Scottish origin, harm. Patrick Russill (b.1953)

INTROITUS & ALLELUIA Gregorian chant

KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI XVIII

Gregorian chant

PSALM 27 Philip Arkwright (b.1983)

OFFERTORY MOTET *Contakion of the Dead*

Kiev melody, trans. William Birbeck (1869–1916)

COMMUNIO *Requiem* Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *How great thou art*

Stuart Hine (1899–1989)

How great thou art Swedish folk melody, arr. Stuart Hine

IN PARADISUM *Requiem* Maurice Duruflé

PSALM 51 & SEQUENCE Gregorian Chant

INTRODUCTORY RITE

*at the sound of the Sacristy bell, please stand
for the procession of Choir and Clergy*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

- 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
 that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
 his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.
- 5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
 a life of joy and peace.

during censing of the High Altar the Choir sings the

INTROITUS

VI
R Equi- em * æ- tér- nam do-na e- is

Dómi- ne: et lux perpé-tu- a lú-ce- at

e- is.



*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

GREETING

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

Amen.

Peace be with you.

And with your spirit.

WELCOME

PENITENTIAL RITE

Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

Amen.

KYRIE XVIII B

Choir



VI
K Y- ri- e e- lé- i- son.
Lord, have mercy.

All



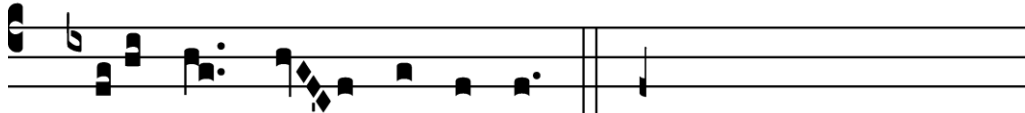
Ký- ri- e e- lé- i- son.
Lord, have mercy.

Choir



Chri- ste e- lé- i- son.
Christ, have mercy.

All



Chri- ste e- lé- i- son.
Christ, have mercy.

Choir



Ký- ri- e e- lé- i- son.
Lord, have mercy.

All



Ký- ri- e e- lé- i- son.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, whose nature
is always to forgive and to show mercy,
we humbly implore you for your servant Ann,
whom you called to journey to you,
and, since she hoped and believed in you,
grant that she may be led to our true homeland
to delight in its everlasting joys.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

please be seated

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

from the book of Ecclesiastes (3: 1–14)

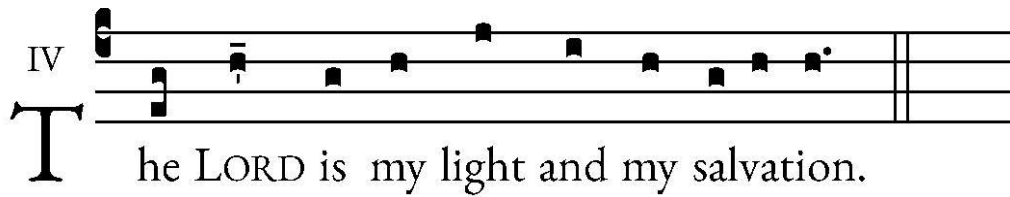
For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 *all join in singing the Antiphon after the Choir*



The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? *Antiphon*

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple. *Antiphon*

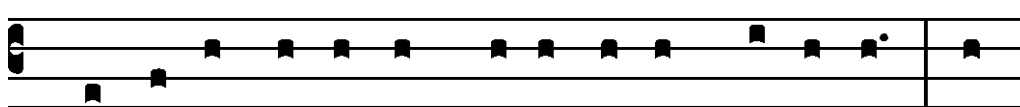
I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! *Antiphon*

please stand as the Cantor intones

ALLELUIA





✠. Réqui- em æ-térnam dona e- is, Dómi-ne: ✠ et



lux perpé- tu- a lú-ce- at e- is.

*Alleluia. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. (11: 17–21)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to Bethany, he found Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her:

“I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

please be seated for the

HOMILY

INTERCESSIONS

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

For Ann, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that
she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our sister Ann, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life,
that she may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped
us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our sister Ann, that they may be
consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his
friend Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

May the prayer of those who cry to you
benefit the souls of your servant, Ann, O Lord:
free her, we pray, from all her sins
and make her a sharer in your redemption.

Though Christ our Lord.

Amen.

please be seated

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MOTET *the Choir sings*

GIVE rest, O Christ to thy servant with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal formed of the earth,
and unto earth shall we return: for so thou didst ordain,
when thou createst me saying:

“Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.”

All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o’er the grave we make our song:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

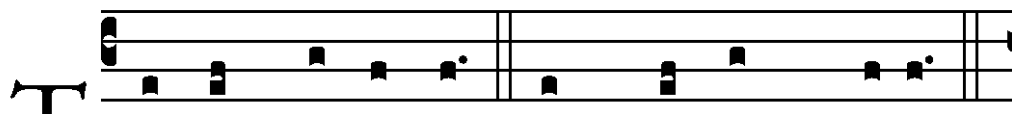
Give rest, O Christ to thy servant with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing but life everlasting.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

As we humbly present to you
these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
for the salvation of your servant Ann,
we beseech your mercy,
that she who did not doubt your Son
to be a loving Saviour,
may find in him a merciful Judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

PREFACE FOR THE DEAD

Celebrant *All*



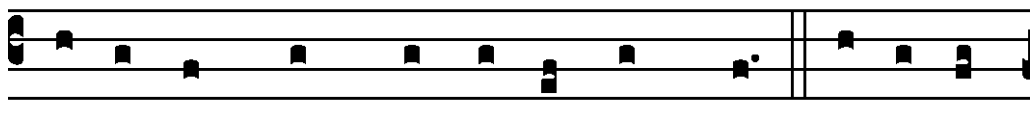
THE Lord be with you. And with your spi-rit.

Celebrant *All*

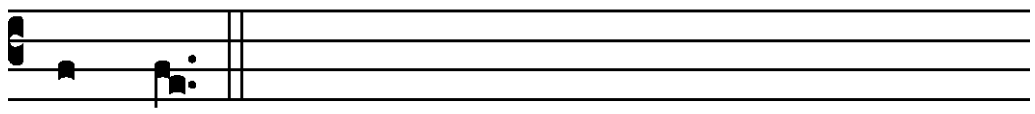


Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant *All*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right



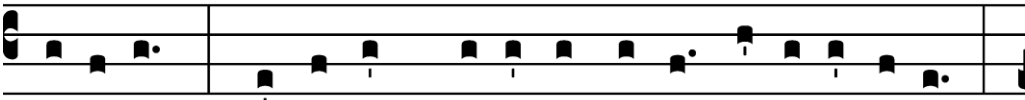
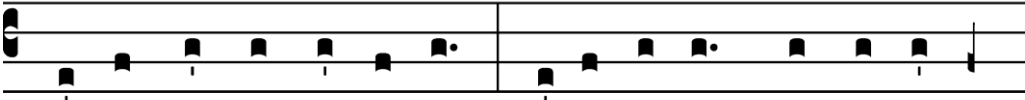
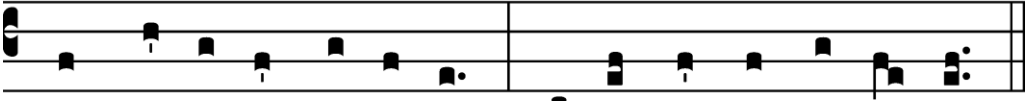
and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.
Indeed for your faith, Lord,
life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

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:

SANCTUS XVIII

<i>Cantor</i>	<i>All</i>	
		
S	Anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus De- us <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.</i>	
		
Sába- oth. Ple- ni sunt cæ- li et terra gló- ri- a tu- a. <i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>		
		
Ho- sánna in excél- sis. Be ne- díctus qui ve- nit <i>Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes</i>		
		
in nómi- ne Dómi- ni. Ho- sánna in excél- sis. <i>in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>		

please kneel, or be seated

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

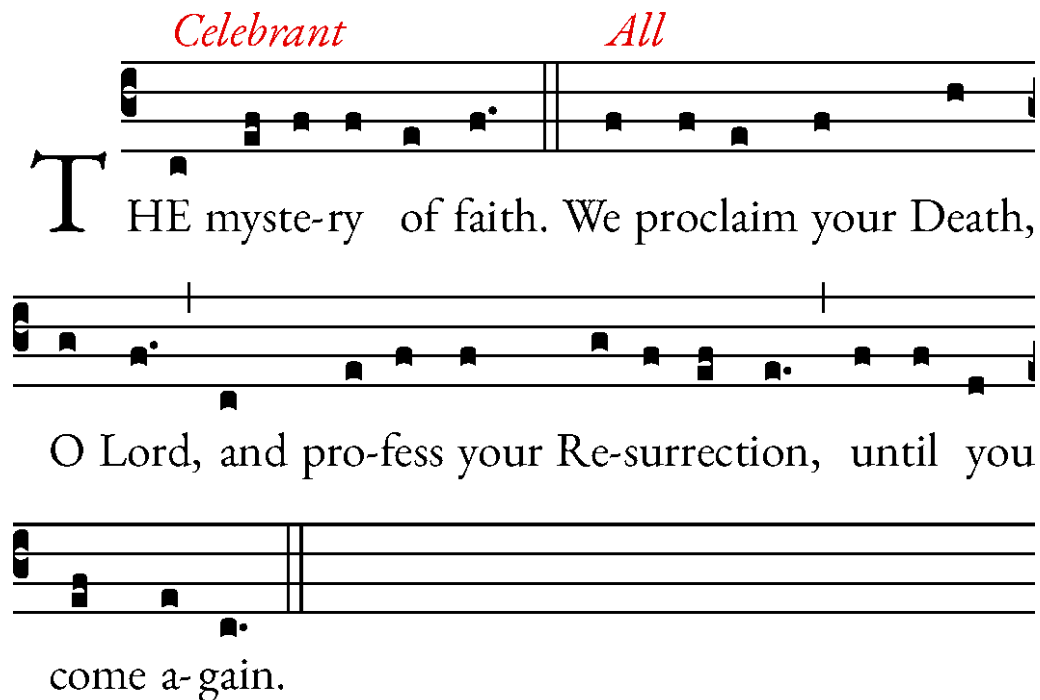
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant *All*



THE myste-ry of faith. We proclaim your Death,
O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-surrection, until you
come a-gain.

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

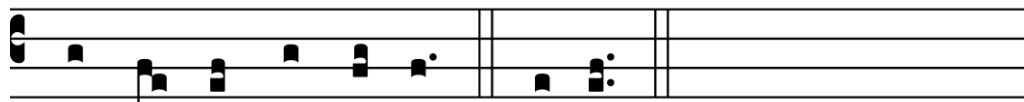
Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.
Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Leo our Pope, Nicholas our Bishop
and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Ann,
whom you have called from this world to yourself.
Grant that she who was united with your Son in a death like his,
may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

DOXOLOGY

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,



for e- ver and e- ver. **Amen.**

please stand

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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 always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**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 grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI XVIII

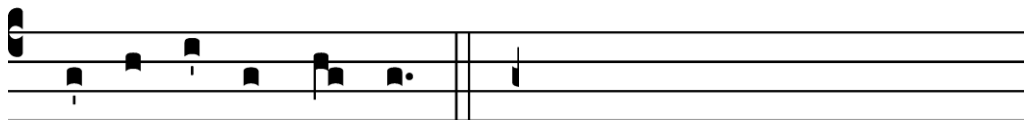
Cantor

All

A

-gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,



mi- se- ré- re no- bis.

have mercy on us.

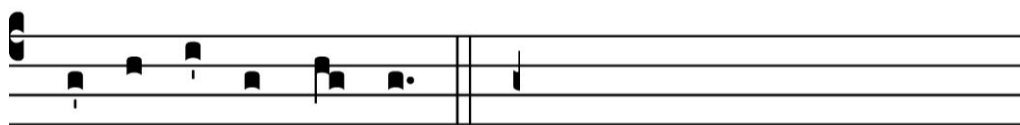
Cantor

All



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Cantor

All



Agnus De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá- ta mundi:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,



dona e- is réqui- em.

grant them rest.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

It is the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church that the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of one faith and unity of belief. Therefore, it is not usual to distribute Holy Communion to non-Roman Catholics. However, they are most welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNIO *the Choir sings*

LUX æterna
luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in æternum,
quia pius es.
Requiem æternam
dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua
luceat eis.

*May eternal light shine
on them, O Lord,
with your saints forever,
because you are gracious.
Eternal rest
grant them, O Lord,
and let eternal light
shine upon them.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *please stand to sing*

- 1** O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r 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!*

- 2** 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 burdens gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.
- 3** When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
when I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord God, whose Son left us,
in the Sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey,
mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,
our sister Ann, your servant,
may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

please be seated

TRIBUTES

The Reverend Roger Widdecombe (Ann's nephew) and
Sir Christian Sweeting (Ann's close friend).

RITE OF COMMENDATION

Fr Abbot

It is our solemn duty to carry out, in the traditional manner of God's faithful people, the burial of this mortal body. As we do so, we call trustfully upon God from whom all creation has life. May he in due time, by his power, bring to resurrection with all the saints the body of this our sister, which in its frailty we now bury. May God unite her soul with those of all the saints and the faithful departed. May she be given a merciful judgement so that, redeemed from death, freed from punishment, reconciled with the Father, carried in the arms of the Good Shepherd, she may deserve to enter fully into everlasting happiness in the company of the eternal King together with all the saints.

Fr Abbot blesses the coffin with Holy Water and censes it

IN PARADISUM *during the censuring the Choir sings*

IN Paradisum deducant te
Angeli, in tuo adventu
suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem
sanctam Ierusalem.
Chorus Angelorum te
suscipiat et cum Lazaro
quondam paupere
æternam habeas requiem.

*May the angels
lead you into paradise,
may the martyrs
welcome you in your coming
and guide you into the holy city
Jerusalem. A chorus of angels will
greet you, and with Lazarus,
once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.*

Fr Abbot

All-merciful Father, we commend the soul of Ann,
your servant, into your hands.

We are strengthened with the sure hope
that she, together with all who have died in Christ,
will rise with Christ on the last day.

We thank you for all the blessings
with which you endowed this servant of yours in her life on earth.
They are for us too a token of your love,
and of the blessed union of the saints in Christ.

Listen, then, Lord, in your mercy to our prayers
that the gates of paradise may be opened to your servant
and that we who are left may console one another
with words of faith
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and our sister eternally.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE GRAVE

*The congregation is invited to follow the procession to the
Parish Cemetery for the prayers at the graveside*

during the procession to the grave the Choir sings

PSALM 51

MISERERE mei, Deus,
secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam
et secundum multitudinem
miserationum tuarum dele
iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me
ab iniquitate mea et a peccato
meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam
ego cognosco et peccatum
meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi
et malum coram te feci,
ut iustificeris
in sermonibus tuis
et vincas cum iudicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus
conceptus sum et in peccatis
concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti:

*Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to your
great mercy
and according to the abundance
of your compassion
blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity and cleanse me
from my sin.*

*For I acknowledge
my offence and my sin
is ever before me.*

*Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight
that you may be justified
in your sentence
and vindicated when you judge.*

*Behold, in guilt was
I conceived and in sin
did my mother conceive me.*

Behold, you delight in sincerity of

incerta et occulta sapientiæ
tuæ manifestasti mihi.
Asperges me hyssopo
et mundabor;
lavabis me et super
nivem dealbabor.
Auditui meo dabis
gaudium et lætitiā:
et exultabunt ossa humiliata.
Averte faciem tuam
a peccatis meis et omnes
iniquitates meas dele.
Cor mundum crea in me,
Deus, et spiritum rectum
innova in visceribus meis.
Ne projicias me a facie tua,
et spiritum sanctum tuum
ne auferas a me.
Redde mihi lætitiā salutaris
tui et spiritu principali
confirma me.
Docebo iniquos
vias tuas: et impii
ad te convertentur.
Libera me de sanguinibus,
Deus, Deus salutis meæ,
et exultabit lingua mea
iustitiam tuam.
Domine, labia mea aperies,

*heart, and in my inmost being
you teach me wisdom.
Cleanse me with hyssop
and I shall be purified;
wash me and I shall be
whiter than snow.
Let me hear the sounds of
joy and gladness; the bones which
you have crushed shall rejoice.
Avert your face from
my sins, and blot out
all my iniquity.
Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew in me a
righteous spirit.
Cast me not out from your
presence, and take not your holy
spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me
in a willing spirit.
I shall teach transgressors
your ways, and sinners
shall return to you.
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness,
O God, God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall exalt
your justice.
O Lord, open my lips,*

et os meum annuntiabit
laudem tuam.
Non enim tibi placebit
sacrificium, alioquin dederim;
non tibi placebit
holocaustum.
Sacrificia Dei spiritus
contritus est;
cor contritum et humiliatum,
Deus, non despicias.
Benefac Sion in bona
voluntate tua; aedifica
muros Ierusalem.
Tunc acceptabis
sacrificium iustitiæ,
oblaciones, et holocausta:
tunc imponent super
altare tuum vitulos.

*and my mouth shall
proclaim your praise.
For you will not delight in
sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with
a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God
are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.
Do good to Sion in your
good pleasure; build up
the walls of Jerusalem;
Then you shall be pleased
with the sacrifice of righteousness,
oblations and burnt offerings;
they shall offer young bulls
upon your altar.*

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVESIDE

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb
you made holy the graves of all who believe in you,
and by so doing you strengthened the hope of the resurrection
in those whose bodies are subject to decay.

Grant, we pray you, that your servant Ann

may rest in peace in this grave until the day when you,
the resurrection and the life, enrich her with life made new.

May she in the light of your countenance

behold eternal light in heaven.
You who live and reign for ever.
Amen.

as Ann's coffin is lowered into the grave the Choir sings the
SEQUENCE

VICTIMÆ paschali laudes
immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves;
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitæ mortuus
regnat vivus.

Dic nobis, Maria,
quid vidisti in via?

Sepulcrum Christi viventis
et gloriam vidi resurgentis.

Angelicos testes,
sudarium, et vestes.

Surrexit Christus, spes mea:
præcedet suos in Galilæam.

Scimus Christum surrexisse
a mortuis vere;

tu nobis, victor Rex,
miserere. Amen. Alleluia.

*Christians, to the Paschal victim
offer a sacrifice of praise.*

*The Lamb has ransomed his sheep;
the innocent Christ has reconciled sinners
with the Father.*

*Death and life confronted each
other in a prodigious battle;
the prince of life who died
now lives and reigns.*

*'Tell us, Mary: say
what you saw on the way.'*

*'The tomb the living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose.*

*'The angels there attesting,
shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*'Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.'*

*We know that Christ is truly
risen from the dead;*

*O victorious King, have mercy on us.
Amen. Alleluia.*

It has pleased Almighty God to call our sister
from this life to himself.

Accordingly, we commit her body to the earth, whence it came.
Since Christ, the first fruits of the dead,
has risen again and will fashion our frail body
in the pattern of his glorious risen body,
we commend our sister to the Lord.

May he embrace her in his peace
and bring her body to life again on the last day.

Grant, O God, that while we lament the departure of this,
your servant Ann, we may always remember
that we are most certainly to follow him.

Give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life,
that we may not be surprised
by a sudden and unprovided death,
but be ever watching:
that when you call,
we may enter into eternal glory.

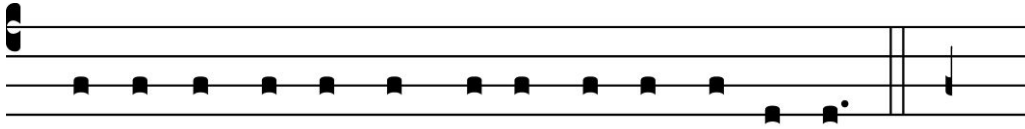
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May Mary the most merciful Virgin Mother of God,
kindest comforter of them that mourn,
commend to her Son the soul of this his servant, Ann,
that through her maternal intercession,
she may overcome the dread of death
and, with Mary as guide,
joyfully reach her longed-for home
in the heavenly kingdom.

Amen.

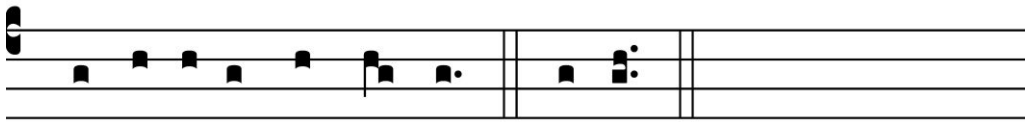
DISMISSAL



℣. Réquiem æ-térnam dona e- i Dómi-ne.



℟. Et lux perpé-tu- a lú-ce-at e- i.



℣. Requiéscat in pa- ce. ℟. Amen

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Anima eius et ánimæ ómnium fidélium defunctórum
per misericórdiam Dei requiéscant in pace. **Amen.**

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

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