



The Parish Church of
ST. EDMUND THE KING
Northwood Hills



REQUIEM MASS

for

Margery Mary Sophia Richards
4th August 1923 - 24th August 2026



11.00 am Thursday 24th September 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before the Service

Benedictus

Alec Rowley

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

All Amen.

Christ died and was raised by the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you.

All And also with you.

We have come here today
to remember before God our sister Margery;
to give thanks for her life;
to commend her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;
and to comfort one another in our grief.

Let us pray.

God of all consolation,
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Look with compassion on your children in their loss;
give to troubled hearts the light of hope
and strengthen in us the gift of faith,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

ADDRESS *Colin Richards*

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We are invited to confess our sins

As children of a loving Father,
let us ask his forgiveness for the sin that mars all our lives,
for he is gentle and full of compassion.

**All God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy**

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

1st READING *read by Virginia Patey*

The Book of The Revelation of John the Divine Ch. 21, vv. 1-7

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them,
and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said,
Behold, I make all things new.

And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

I will give unto him that is athirst
of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things;
and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN!

To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour

To our fathers in distress;

Praise him still the same for ever,

Slow to chide and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us.

Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;

Ye behold him face to face;

Sun and moon bow down before him,

Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise him! Praise him!

Praise with us the God of grace!

THE GOSPEL READING

John Ch. 14, vv. 1-6,27

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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I am the way, the truth and the life says the Lord

No one comes to the father except through me.

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places.

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,

so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place 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, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Including the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila :

Let nothing disturb you.

Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing away.

God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.

Whoever has God lacks nothing.

God alone suffices.

The following response is used

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the end :

**All God of mercy,
entrusting into your hands
all that you have made
and rejoicing in our communion
with all your faithful people,
we make our prayers
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

We exchange a sign of peace with those around us.

OFFERTORY HYMN

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy host above;
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
Finish then Thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE PREPARATION

Pray my brothers and sisters that this 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 Church.**

God our Father, as we share in the supper of your Son, grant that Margery, who shared at your table on earth may have a place at the unending feast of life in the kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,

your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead

you have given us new birth into a living hope,

into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,

and so we join with angels and archangels,

with all your faithful people,

evermore praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St. Edmund and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
By whom, and with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray :

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant and people receive holy communion.

Members of all Christian Churches who normally receive communion in their own Church are invited to come forward to receive communion, those who have not been admitted to Holy Communion please also come forward for a blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head. If you do not wish to receive in both kinds please do not dip the Host into the wine

As the communion is given, the ministers say

The body of Christ The blood of Christ.
*to which we say **Amen** before we receive.*

During Communion The Choir sing the Anthem

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, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

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

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet: grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

All Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

The Celebrant stands by the coffin and says

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,
we entrust Margery to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive
and reigns with you, now and for ever.

*Margery's coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water and censed,
as a reminder of her baptism and the promise of eternal life*

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

All And let light perpetual shine upon her.

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

All Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

At the departure

Enigma Variations No. 9 (Nimrod)

Elgar



*There will be a retiring collection
for Michael Sobell House at Mount Vernon Hospital*

*The Committal follows at Breakspear Crematorium
for family only*

*Everyone is welcome for refreshments
at The Woodman, Joel Street, Pinner, HA5 2PR*

