



The Parish Church of
ST. EDMUND THE KING
Northwood Hills



REQUIEM MASS

for

Hilda May Greenfield

13th February 1935 - 10th July 2026



11.00 am Thursday 30th July 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

At the entrance

Enigma Variations No. 9 (Nimrod)

Elgar

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 Hilda;
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.

HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
 Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
 Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
 In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
 Till trav'ling days are done.

TRIBUTE and POEM *Alexis Mack* *Please be seated.*

You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

David Harkins

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 Marjorie Pimm*

The Book of The Wisdom of Solomon, Ch. 3, vv. 1-5,9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

John Ch. 14 vv. 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 *Fr. Peter Godden, Vicar of St. Dunstan’s, Monks Risborough*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear My light to them, whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain
I have wept for love of them, they turn away
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My word to them, whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord ...

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied
I will give My life to them, whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord ...

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 Hilda, 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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
 In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
 Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
 The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!
O still, small voice of calm!

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 Hilda to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive
and reigns with you, now and for ever.

*Hilda'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

"Marche Triomphale" Sigfrid Karg-Elert



*The Committal follows at Breakspear Crematorium
for family only*

*Donations given in memory of Hilda will be given to
Michael Sobell House or Cancer Research*

