

The Parish Church of
ST. EDMUND THE KING

Northwood Hills

Memorial and Thanksgiving Service
for the life of
Bernadette Rogers

14th December 1964 - 17th December 2021



11.00 am Wednesday 19th January 2022

ORDER OF SERVICE

Music before the Service : "Ave Maria" (Schubert)

THE GATHERING

HYMN

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands 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.

Then sings my soul ...

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.

Then sings my soul ...

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!

Then sings my soul ...

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

All Amen.

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you.

All And also with you.

We look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen;
for the things that are seen are transient
but the things that are unseen are eternal.
Today we come together
to remember before God our sister Bernadette,
to give thanks for her life
and to comfort one another in our grief.

Father in heaven, we praise your name
for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you,
for the example of their lives,
the life and grace you gave them
and the peace in which they rest.
We praise you today for your servant Bernadette
and for all that you did through her.
Meet us in our sadness
and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving,
for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

As children of a loving heavenly Father,
let us ask his forgiveness,
for he is gentle and full of compassion.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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.

TRIBUTES

1st READING

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

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 throw 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 throw 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

2nd READING

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

THE GOSPEL READING

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?' ~

She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'

And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,

'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.'

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'

Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me.

I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty Father,
that you sent your Son to die,
and raised him from the dead for the salvation of all.

Lord, hear us. **All Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for Bernadette, who in baptism was given the pledge of
eternal life, and now through faith rejoices with the saints in glory.

Lord, hear us. **All Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for our sister who shared the bread of life,
a foretaste of the eternal banquet of heaven.

Lord, hear us. **All Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for our deceased relatives and friends,
who have helped us in the faith
and now find rest from their labours.

Lord, hear us. **All Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you that the family and friends of our sister Bernadette
may be consoled in their grief by the Lord,
who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, hear us. **All Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, hear us. **All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

HYMN

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up ...

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up ...

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.
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THE COMMENDATION

Almighty God,
in your great love you crafted us by your hand
and breathed life into us by your Spirit.
Although we became a rebellious people,
you did not abandon us to our sin.
In your tender mercy you sent your Son
to restore in us your image.
In obedience to your will he gave up his life for us,
bearing in his body our sins on the cross.
By your mighty power you raised him from the grave
and exalted him to the throne of glory.
Rejoicing in his victory and trusting in your promise
to make alive all who turn to Christ,
we commend Bernadette to your mercy
and we join with all your faithful people
and the whole company of heaven in the one unending song of praise:
glory and wisdom and honour be to our God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives give I unto you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All and also with you.

CONCLUSION

Neither death nor life can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but also for those whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power
to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

HYMN

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.
’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.
When we’ve been there a thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we first begun

