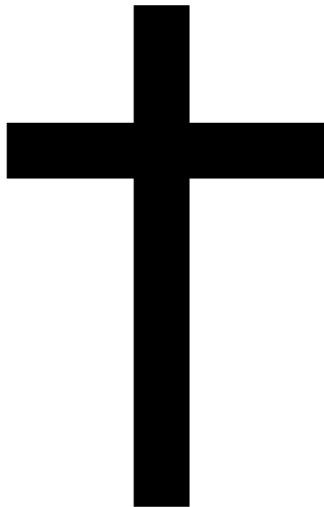


A service for
Nigel Victor Furlong

13th January 1957 – 2nd January 2021



Christ Church St Albans
Thursday 21st January 2021, 2.45pm

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr Jeremy Follett

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

Timothy Dudley-Smith | Walter Grotz

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Eulogy

Timothy Furlong

Reading: Psalm 121

Steven Furlong

A song of ascents.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

- ³ He will not let your foot slip –
he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The Lord watches over you –
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm –
he will watch over your life;
⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore.

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Reading: Matthew 5:1–12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

- ³ ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ ‘Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

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Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen

The Peace

Hymn: Blessed are the Humble

Blessed are the humble in spirit
For theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
And blessed are the mourners
They will find comfort.
And blessed are the lowly,
They shall reign (they shall reign)
On the earth (on the earth).

*Oh how you bless us Lord!
Blessing upon blessing Lord!
Making us a blessing,
A blessing for the world.*

And blessed are those who hunger,
Who thirst for justice,
For surely you'll fill them completely.
And those who show mercy
Will be shown mercy.
And blessed are the pure hearts,
They'll see God (they'll see God),
They'll see God (they'll see God).

And blessed are peacemakers,
Called the sons of God
Blessed are those oppressed
For righteousness' sake
For theirs shall be
Shall always be
Yes, theirs shall be
Heaven's kingdom

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