

# THE GATHERING

*Please stand as the funeral procession enters church to Heaven Knows sung by Charlie Landsborough*

Priest: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.**

*The priest introduces the service*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

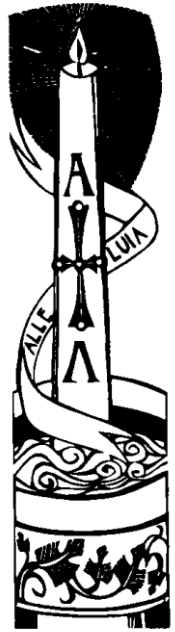
Priest: As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us ask his forgiveness, for he is gentle and full of compassion.

*(After a period of silent reflection)*

**All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Collect:** Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that Michael and 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. **Amen**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit for*

**A reading from the first letter of Peter**

*(1 Peter 1. 3-9)*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The inheritance to which we are born is one that nothing can destroy or spoil or wither. It is kept for you in heaven, and you, because you put your faith in God, are under the protection of his power until salvation comes - the salvation which is even now in readiness, and will be revealed at the end of time.

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This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

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so much to be consoled as to console,  
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Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **THE GOSPEL**

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

**All: Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*(Jn 6. 1-6)*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **THE ADDRESS**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Priest: Let us pray

Leader: God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for Michael, for the grace and mercy he received from you, for all that was good in his life and for the memories we treasure today. Especially we thank you for Michael's example of faith, for the joy and fun he brought into our lives and his dedication to, and love for, his family.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, you promised eternal life to those who believe. Remember for good this your son Michael as we also remember him. Hear all our prayers for those who have died and especially for Shaun and for those who come to mind at this time. Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom where sins have been forgiven and death is no more.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving Father, your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on Michael, Desmond, Michelle and Sharon, their families and all who mourn at this time. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, you are tender towards your children and your mercy is over all your works. Heal the memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

**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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**THE PEACE**    *(please stand)*

Priest: 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 risen Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.*

## THE OFFERTORY:

*As bread and wine are brought to the altar, The Twelfth of Never by Charlie Landsburgh will be played. Please sit to listen.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E** *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest: 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. With all your saints

**All: we give you thanks and praise.**

Priest: 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. With all your saints

**All: we give you thanks and praise.**

Priest: The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with Michael and 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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Priest: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

Priest: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**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.**

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy 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.**

*Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.*

*After everyone who wishes has received the sacrament or a blessing,  
Maurice Riley will read An Irish Blessing (When I'm gone) by Lyman  
Hancock. Please remain seated.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Priest: 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. **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.**

**Hymn:**    *All things bright and beautiful,  
                  all creatures great and small,  
                  all things wise and wonderful,  
                  the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
    each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
    he made their tiny wings:

The purple headed mountain,  
    the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
    that brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter,  
    the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden,  
    he made them every one:

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well:

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## THE COMMENDATION

Priest: Let us commend Michael to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

With this water we call to mind Michael's baptism. As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us, so may he bring us to the fullness of resurrection life with Michael and all the redeemed.

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

May God, in his infinite love and mercy, bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection, and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

*As the procession leaves church, Walking on my memories sung by Charlie Landsburgh will be played.*







# **First (epistle) reading for the funeral of Michael Mullen**

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