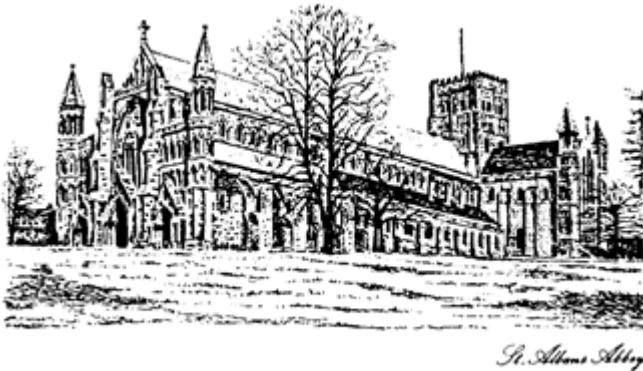


ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL



Dr William James Ferguson
“Jamie”

22 August 1969 - 22 August 2020

Friday, 18 September 2020
10.30 am



Order of Service

Officiant

The Reverend Diane C FitzGerald Clark,
Chaplain, St Albans High School for Girls

At the Entering Procession

Pifa the Pastoral Symphony

from the Messiah

by George Frideric Handel

Introduction

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.

We have come here today
to remember before God our beloved Jamie,
to give thanks for his life,
to commend him to God
our merciful redeemer and judge
and to comfort one another in our grief.

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**

A Prayer of Penitence

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 all that is past, and help us to
live each day in the light of Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The 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 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 forever.

All **Amen**

Please sit.

Hymn

Be Still My Soul
from Finlandia by Jean Sibelius
Soloist - Nina Vinther

Reading

A Song of Living
poem by Amelia Josephine Burr
read by Ms Pippa Gleeson

Eulogy

Ms Alison Warner

Reading

Revelation 21: 1 – 7

Anthem

O Rest in the Lord
from Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn
Soloist - Nina Vinther

Homily

Mother Clark

Prayers

*Here, a selection of prayers will be offered,
concluding with the Lord's Prayer, which we will
pray together.*

The Lord's Prayer

All

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

Blessing

May the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision
Traditional Irish melody
Soloist - Nina Vinther

Please stand.

The Commendation

Let us commend Jamie, our brother, to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Jamie, go forth upon thy journey from this world,
in the name of God the Father who created thee,
in the name of Jesus Christ who redeemed thee,
in the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens thee.

May the heavenly host sustain thee
and the company of heaven enfold thee.
In communion with all the faithful,
may you dwell this day in peace.

All **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

All **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant Jamie
depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.

All **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May he rest in peace.

All **And rise in glory.**

Please remain standing.

Here, the coffin is sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of baptism, the pledge of eternal life in Christ, and incensed as a sign of the love and prayer with which we and the whole company of heaven surround Jamie on his journey to the Father.

At the Ending

Final prayers are offered here.

The Dismissal

Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

At the Retiring Procession

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
from Cantata, BWV 147
by Johann Sebastian Bach

When invited by the funeral director, the congregation is asked to follow the family out of the Lady Chapel at the end of the service.

This service will be followed by a short committal service at London Road Cemetery. All are encouraged to attend, if they so wish.

All are welcomed to a reception following the committal service at Sopwell House, Cottonmill Lane, St Albans, AL1 2HQ.

The Organist is Andrew Lucas, Master of the Music

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