

# WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL



## REQUIEM MASS

for

SIR DAVID ANTHONY ANDREW AMESS

Member of Parliament for Southend West

26 March 1952 - 15 October 2021

Celebrant

Cardinal Vincent Nichols  
Archbishop of Westminster

Tuesday 23 November 2021  
10.30am

*Before the Requiem Mass begins the organ will be played by*

Peter Stevens  
Assistant Master of Music  
Westminster Cathedral

*and members of The Music Man Project will sing*

'Peace and Hope'  
*Music and lyrics by David Stanley BEM*

*The Choristers of the Choir of Westminster Cathedral are directed by*

Simon Johnson  
Master of Music  
Westminster Cathedral

*The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir are directed by*

Mrs Janet Walker

# ORDER OF MASS

All stand.

Cardinal: The grace and peace of God our Father,  
who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

As the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water, the Cardinal says:

In the waters of baptism  
David died with Christ and rose with him to new life.  
May he now share with him eternal glory.

As the procession moves from the West Door of the Cathedral, all sing:

Im - mor - tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise, In light in - ac -  
ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the  
An - cient of days, Al - migh - ty, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unshining, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest—to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

St Denio  
Welsh folk tune  
adapted by John Roberts (1822-77)

## THE PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

*As a Book of the Gospels is placed on the coffin, the Cardinal says:*

In life David cherished the Gospel of Christ.  
May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life:  
Come, blessed of my Father!

*As a crucifix is placed on the coffin, the Cardinal says:*

In baptism David received the sign of the cross.  
May he now share  
in Christ's victory over sin and death.

*The Choristers of the Choir of Westminster Cathedral sing:*

Réquiem ætérnam dona eis Dómine: et lux perpétua lúceat eis.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Plainsong Missa pro defunctis*

## A MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

His Excellency Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti  
*Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain*

### COLLECT

*Cardinal:* O God, almighty Father,  
our faith professes that your Son died and rose again;  
mercifully grant, that through this mystery  
your servant David, who has fallen asleep in Christ,  
may rejoice to rise again through him.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 3: 1-9

*Read by U.S. Congressman Robert Miller Pittenger*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,  
no torment shall ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,  
their going looked like a disaster;  
their leaving us, like annihilation;  
but they are in peace.  
If they experienced punishment as men see it,  
their hope was rich with immortality;  
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.  
God has put them to the test  
and proved them worthy to be with him;  
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,  
and accepted them as a holocaust.  
When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;  
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.  
They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will be their king for ever.  
They who trust in him will understand the truth,  
those who are faithful will live with him in love;  
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23 *℟: v.6*



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose  
Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit. *℟:*
- 2 He guides me along the right path, he is true to his name  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear:  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
With these you give me comfort. *℟:*
- 3 You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; My cup is overflowing. *℟:*
- 4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, for ever and ever. *℟:*

*All stand.*

## ALLELUIA

*Réquiem ætérmam dona eis, Dómine: et lux perpétua lúceat eis.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Plainsong Missa pro defunctis*

GOSPEL  
John 15:12-17

*Read by Rev. Damien Wade, Deacon for the Diocese of Brentwood*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples; "This is my commandment: love one another; as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit.*

HOMILY  
Canon Pat Browne  
*Roman Catholic Duty Priest for Parliament*

*All stand.*

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Read by Sarah Champion MP  
and Andrew Rosindell MP*

*Cardinal:* Trusting in his goodness and justice, we bring our prayers to the Lord:

*Reader:* Let us pray for our brother David. May he have the reward of his goodness and enjoy the company of the Lord forever.

Lord hear us.

℟: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who miss David; his family, his staff, his colleagues and friends, that we may all be strengthened in Faith and know that he is safe with God.

Lord hear us.

℟: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who are suffering at this time in our troubled world – those who are fleeing war-torn countries, and those living with depression, or mental or physical illness.

Lord hear us.

℟: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all leaders who took part in COP 26, that the Holy Spirit of God will fire them up to put into practise not only what was agreed upon , but to go beyond this to find ways to keep safe for us all the gift of life here on earth.

Lord hear us.

℟: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our families and our communities. Help us to live caring for each other while we have each other here on earth - so that we may one day enjoy eternal life together in heaven.

Lord hear us.

℟: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Cardinal:*

Lord God, now that his journey in this world is ended, give David the fullness of life with you in heaven, and graciously hear all these prayers which we make through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
(sung by *The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir*)

*based on Psalm 103*  
*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

*Rhuddlan*  
*arranged by J. Stanley Sheppard (1915-2009)*

*All stand.*

*Cardinal:*

Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
**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 holy Church.**



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

*Cardinal:* As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant David, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful judge.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever:  
**Amen.**

## PREFACE DIALOGUE

*Cardinal:* The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

## PREFACE I FOR THE DEAD

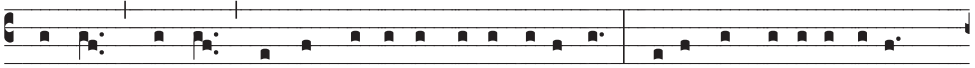
The hope of resurrection in Christ

*Cardinal:* It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father; almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

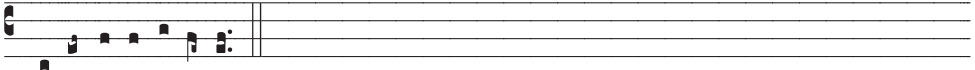
## SANCTUS



Sanctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra



gló-ri-a tu-a. Hosánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui venit in nómine Dó-mi-ni.



Hosánna in excélsis.

*Plainsong Mass XVIII*

*All kneel.*

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*Cardinal:* You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

*CC:* Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,  
so that they become for us  
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

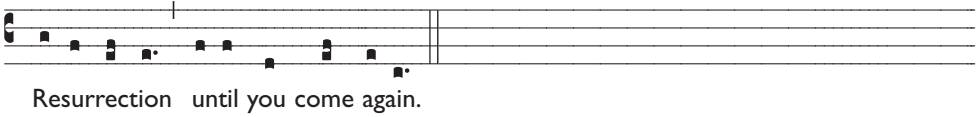
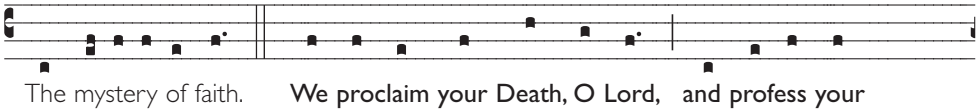
At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice  
and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.



CC: Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray  
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

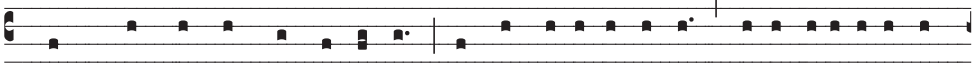
CI: Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with Francis our Pope and Vincent our Bishop,  
and all the clergy.

Remember your servant David,  
whom you have called  
from this world to yourself.  
Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his,  
may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

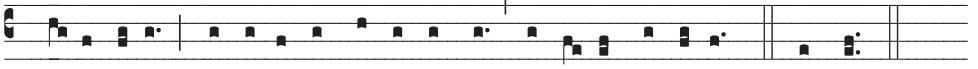
C2: Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.  
Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,  
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Cardinal*

*All concelebrants*



Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the u-ni-ty of the



Ho-ly Spi-rit, all glo-ry and honour is yours, for e- ver and e-ver. **A-men.**

*All stand.*

### COMMUNION RITE

*Cardinal:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*Cardinal:* Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

### AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

*Missa in simplicitate  
Jean Langlais (1907-91)*

*All kneel.*

*Cardinal:* Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Please follow the instructions of the stewards for Holy Communion. Please remove your face covering before reaching the priest, receive in front of the priest and then replace your face covering before returning to your place.*

*Those who are not Roman Catholic, or do not wish to receive Holy Communion, are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms across your chest will indicate to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.*

*The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir sing in Welsh:*

GWAHODDIAD

I hear Thy welcome voice that calls me Lord to Thee  
For cleansing in Thy precious Blood that flowed on Calvary.

*I am coming, Lord, coming now to Thee  
Wash me, cleanse me in Thy Blood that flowed on Calvary.*

Still Jesus calls me on to perfect faith and love  
To perfect hope and place and trust  
For Earth and Heaven above

And He the witness gives to loyal hearts and free  
That every promise is fulfilled if faith but bring the plea.

*Lewis Hartsough (1828-1919)*

*The Choristers sing:*

COMMUNION MOTET

Ave verum corpus, natum ex María Vírgine: vere passum immolátum in cruce pro  
hómine: cuius latus perforátum, vero fluxit sángine; Esto nobis prægustátum mortis in  
exámine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Iesu Fili Maríæ.

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary; which truly suffered, offered on a cross for mankind;  
whose pierced side truly flowed with blood: be for us a foretaste in the trial of death. O  
merciful, sweet, and gracious Jesus, son of Mary.*

*Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

All sing:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine, Hid in thine earth - ly home, Lo, round thy low - ly shrine, With sup - pliant hearts we come; Je - sus, to thee our voice we raise In songs of love and heart - felt praise: Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine. Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine.

- 2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home for every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease  
And sorrows all depart;  
There in thine ear all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery:  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.
- 3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar;  
Within thy shelter blest  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves;  
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
Sweet Sacrament of rest.  
Sweet Sacrament of rest.
- 4 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
Thy Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.  
Sweet Sacrament divine.

*Divine Mysteries*  
*Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Cardinal:* Lord God, whose Son left us,  
in the Sacrament of his Body,  
food for the journey,  
mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,  
our brother David may come  
to the eternal table of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*All sit.*

## EULOGY

The Right Honourable Ann Widdecombe DSG

*All stand.*

## FINAL COMMENDATION

*Cardinal:* With faith in Jesus Christ, we must reverently bury the body of our brother David.

Let us pray with confidence to God, in whose sight all creation lives, that he will raise up in holiness and power the mortal body of our brother David and command his soul to be numbered among the blessed.

May God grant him a merciful judgement, deliverance from death, and pardon of sin.

May Christ the Good Shepherd carry him home to be at peace with the Father: May he rejoice forever in the presence of the eternal King and in the company of all the saints.

## SIGNS OF FAREWELL

*As the coffin is blessed with holy water and incense, the Choristers sing:*

In paradísium dedúcant te ángeli: in tuo advéntu suscípíant te mártýres, et perducánt te in civitátem sanctam Ierúsalem. Chorus angelórum te suscípíat, et cum Lázaro quondam páupere aetérnam hábeas réquiem.

*May the angels lead you into paradise: may the martyrs receive you and lead you into the holy city of Jerusalem. May the choirs of angels receive you and, with Lazarus, who was once poor, may you enjoy eternal rest.*

*Plainsong Missa pro defunctis*



## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

*Cardinal:* Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
we commend our brother David  
in the sure and certain hope that,  
together with all who have died in Christ,  
he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings  
which you bestowed upon David in this life:  
they are signs to us of your goodness  
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord,  
turn towards us and listen to our prayers:  
open the gates of paradise to your servant  
and help us who remain to comfort one another  
with assurances of faith,  
until we all meet in Christ  
and are with you and with our brother for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

In peace let us take David to his place of rest.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN



Hail, Queen of heaven, the o - cean star, Guide of the wand-er-er here be - low:



Thrown on\_ life's surge, we claim thy care: Save us from pe - ril and from woe.



Mo-ther of Christ, Star of the Sea, Pray for the wan-der-er, pray for me.

- 2 O gentle, chaste and spotless Maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that he has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me
- 3 Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
to thee, blest advocate, we cry;  
pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
and soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
pray for the mourner, pray for me.
- 4 And while to him who reigns above,  
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
the source of life, of grace, of love,  
homage we pay on bended knee,  
do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
pray for thy children, pray for me.

*based on Salve Regina*  
*John Lingard (1771-1851)*

*Stella*  
*Traditional melody*  
*Easy Hymn-Tunes for Catholic Schools (1851)*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude & Fugue in C minor (BWV 546)  
*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*At the conclusion of the Requiem Mass, please remain in your seats until directed  
to leave by a Cathedral Steward*

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