

Diocese of Galloway



**Right Reverend Maurice Taylor, RIP**  
Bishop Emeritus of Galloway

1926-2023

**Vigil Reception to Church  
and Evening Prayer from the Office for the Dead**

St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr  
Tuesday 20th June, 2023



# The Introductory Rites

## GREETING

*Celebrant:*

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

*People:*

**And with your spirit.**

## SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

*I will be with you*

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*I will be with you wherever you go.*

*Go now throughout the world.*

*I will be with you in all that you say.*

*Go now and spread my word.*

Come, walk with me on stormy waters.

Why fear? Reach out, and I'll be there.

And you, my friend, will you now leave me,  
or do you know me as your Lord?

Your life will be transformed with power  
by truly living in my name.

And is you say: 'Yes, Lord, I love you,'  
then feed my lambs and feed my sheep.

## PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

## Office for the Dead: Evening Prayer

### PSALMODY

*Antiphon 1 (spoken by reader):* The Lord will guard you from every evil, he will guard your soul.

*Psalms 120 (121)*

*The psalm verses are spoken alternately by each side.*

*Left side:* I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

*Right side:* May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.

*Left side:* The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night.

*Right side:* The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever.

*Left side:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

*Right side:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Antiphon (spoken by all):* The Lord will guard you from every evil, he will guard your soul.

*Antiphon 2 (spoken by reader):* If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

*Psalm 129 (130)*

*The psalm verses are spoken alternately by each side.*

*Right side:* Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

*Left side:* If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

*Right side:* My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.

*Left side:* Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

*Right side:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

*Left side:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Antiphon (spoken by all):* If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

*Antiphon 3 (spoken by reader):* As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses.

*Canticle: Philippians 2:6-11*

*The canticle verses are spoken alternately by each side.*

*Left side:* Though he was in the form of God,  
Jesus did not count equality with God  
a thing to be grasped.

*Right side:* He emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.

*Left side:* And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

*Right side:* Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

*Left side:* That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

*Right side:* And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Left side:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

*Right side:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Antiphon (spoken by all):* As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses.

## READING

*Romans 8:31-35.37-39*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us he rose from the dead and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## RESPONSORY

*Reader:* In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.

*All:* **In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.**

*Reader:* I will rejoice and be glad because of your merciful love.

*All:* **In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.**

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me not be lost for ever.**

## CANTICLE OF MARY

*Antiphon (spoken by reader):* All that the Father gives me will come to me;  
and I will never turn away the one who comes to me.

### *Tell out my soul*

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*All sing:*

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 glories by.  
Proud heart and stubborn will 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 for evermore!

Praise to the Father, everlasting God,  
to Jesus Christ, the Word, his only Son,  
and to the Spirit, giver of God's life,  
Great Trinity, while endless ages run.

*Antiphon (spoken by all):* All that the Father gives me will come to me; and I  
will never turn away the one who comes to me.



## INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:*

Let us pray to Christ who gives us hope that our mortal bodies will become like his in glory.

**℟. Lord, you are our life and our resurrection.**

*Reader:*

Christ, Son of the living God, you raised your friend Lazarus from the dead: grant life and glory to the faithful departed redeemed by your precious blood. **℟.**

Compassionate Saviour, you wiped away all tears when you gave back to the widow of Naim her only son: comfort those who mourn because the one they love has died. **℟.**

Christ, our Redeemer, destroy the reign of sin in our mortal bodies: let us not receive the wages of death but the reward of eternal life. **℟.**

Christ, our Saviour, look on those who live without hope and do not know you: let them believe in the resurrection and the life of the world to come. **℟.**

You restored sight to the man born blind and opened the eyes of his faith: reveal your face to the dead who have not seen your glory. **℟.**

Lord, be merciful to us when we leave this earthly dwelling: make for us a home in heaven that will last for ever. **℟.**

*Celebrant:*

With the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption; let us pray as Jesus taught us...

*All:*

Our Father...

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Celebrant:*

O God,  
glory of believers and life of the just,  
by the death and resurrection of your Son, we are redeemed:  
have mercy on your servant Maurice,  
and make him worthy to share the joys of paradise,  
for he believed in the resurrection of the dead.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

✠. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

## HYMN

Hail, Redeemer, King divine! Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,  
King whose reign shall never cease, Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing: "Praised be Jesus Christ, our King:  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Calvary."*

King whose name creation thrills, rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,  
till in peace each nation rings with thy praises, King of kings.

King most holy, King of truth, guide the lowly, guide the youth;  
Christ thou King of glory bright, be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep, homeward bring the wandering sheep,  
Shelter in one royal fold, states and kingdoms, new and old.

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