



REQUIEM MASS

The Reverend Noel Whale



23 August 1941 - 28 September 2023

St George Peace Memorial Church, East Ivanhoe, Victoria

Monday 9 October 2023 at 10.30am

Officiating Clergy

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier
Archbishop of Melbourne

The Right Reverend David Farrer
Former Bishop of Wangaratta

The Reverend John Sanderson
Vicar, St George Peace Memorial Church

The Reverend Kristen Dillon
Archbishop's Chaplain and Assistant Curate

Altar Servers

Neil Appleby, Sandra O'Grady and Joan Skene

Readers

Debra Kerr and Clive Whale

The Prayers

The Rt. Rev'd Kate Prowd

Organist

Roger Brown Organist and Director of Music

Choir

St George Peace Memorial Church

Soloist & Accompanist - *Music for Funerals*

Ave verum corpus, K618 W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

Be not afraid John Michael Talbot (1954-)

Make me a channel of your peace attr. St Francis of Assisi

Music during communion

Panis Angelicus César Franck (1822-90)

Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd-Webber (1948-)

I know that my Redeemer liveth G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Introit

Thou knowest Lord, the secrets of our hearts

Henry Purcell (1659-95)

Please stand as the choir, servers and clergy process

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Fr John greets the congregation

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together

to thank God for the life of Noel,

to mourn and honour him,

to lay to rest his mortal body,

and to support one another in grief.

We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.

Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ

share eternal life with him.

Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,

who created and sustains us all.

Hymn: Yours be the glory, risen, conquering son.

MACCABAEUS 10 11.11 11 and refrain

Adapted from George Frederick Handel
1685-1759

1 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.

Refrain:

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.*

2 See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting. *[Refrain]*

3 No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. *[Refrain]*

Edmond Louis Budry 1854-1932
tr. Richard Birch Hoyle 1875-1939 alt.

Fr John continues with these words of Scripture

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord.
‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.’

John 11.25

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

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.

John 3.16

Let us pray

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

The Eulogy

The Right Reverend David Farrer

The Four Last Songs of Strauss, 4. ‘Im Abendrot’ Jessye Norman

PSALM 139

The Choir

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.

2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.

3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:

so high that I cannot endure it.

6 Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?

7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',

11 The darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.

12 For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

14 You knew my soul,
and my bones were not hidden from you:
when I was formed in secret,
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;

16 Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.

17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:
and how great is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,
they are more in number than the sand:
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Romans 8.31-38

A reading from Paul's epistle to the Romans.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 4

A reading from Paul's first epistle to Timothy.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe.

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Hymn: My song is love unknown. v. 1,2,6,7

66.66.4444

John Nicholson Ireland
1879-1962

1 My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.

O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest
throne salvation to bestow:
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would
know.

But O my friend!
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.

6 In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman
 1624-84 alt.

Please remain standing

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation

Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

6 Cantor

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord;

8

Whoever lives and believes in me shall nev - er die.

12 Congregation

Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

GOSPEL

John 14.1-6a

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

The Homily

The Vicar

The Song of the Church (Te Deum Laudamus)

Choir

We praise you, O God,

We acclaim you as the Lord;

All creation worships you,

the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you,

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,

the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free

you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

THE PRAYERS

Bishop Kate says

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

The prayers conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence may be kept

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing
our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Archbishop says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand. The priest says.

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Please remain standing

Hymn: Ye holy Angel's bright. v. 1,2,3,5

DARWALL 66.66.4444

John Darwall 1731-89

1 You holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high will seem
for mortal tongue.

2 You blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
you now delight
to see him crowned.

3 You saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as you go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

5 My soul, take now your part:
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing out the songs of love;
and all my days
let no distress
not fears suppress
his joyful praise.

Richard Baxter 1615-91 and John Hampden Gurney 1802-62 alt.

Please remain standing

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is for the Priest, and the subsequent five staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you', 'And Al - so with you', 'Lift up your hearts', 'We lift them to the Lord', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise'. The score includes bar numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, and 12.

Priest
The Lord be with you

3
Congregation
And Al - so with you

5
Priest
Lift up your hearts

7
Congregation
We lift them to the Lord

9
Priest
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

12
Congregation
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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
we give you thanks and praise.

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

we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with Noel and all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and saying,

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.✠

Merciful God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks✠
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks✠
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son
we here proclaim his passion and death,
and his victory over the grave.

✠Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with Noel and all your faithful people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
we offer our prayer and praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Music during Communion

Music for Funerals

AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord of life and death,
we thank you that in your great love
you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all your saints.

Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us
a comfort in affliction,
a firm assurance of his resurrection,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
where death and sorrow are no more,
but all things are made new. **Amen.**

All stand, and where able remain standing until the conclusion of the service

Hymn: Jesus put this song into our hearts.

Graham Kendrick

1 Jesus put this song into our hearts,
Jesus put this song into our hearts,
It's a song of joy no one can take away:
Jesus put this song
into our hearts.

2 Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony;
different faces, different races, he made us one:
Jesus taught us how to live
in harmony.

3 Jesus taught us how to be a family,
Jesus taught us how to be a family,
loving one another with the love he that he gives:
Jesus taught us how to be
a family.

4 Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,
changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy:
Jesus turned our sorrow
into a dance.

Graham Kendrick
1950-

The crucifer and acolytes move to the nave of the church

THE FAREWELL

Fr John accompanied by Archbishop Philip and Bishop David says

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us entrust our brother Noel to the mercy of God.

**Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life
in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Noel to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
in glory for ever. Amen.**

Fr John asperges the coffin

THE COMMITTAL

Facing the coffin, Archbishop Philip says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.
In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the body of our dear brother Noel
to be cremated,
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
and who shall change our mortal body
that it may be like his glorious body.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Archbishop Philip says

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Fr John says

Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Recessional

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THANK YOU

We give thanks for life and we thank you for sharing with us our remembrance and celebration of Noel's life. Thank you to our friends and family for their love, prayers, and support at this time, and for all those who have cared for Noel.

REFRESHMENTS

*Refreshments will be served in the Evans Hall immediately following the service.
You are all invited to attend.*

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By the Bishop of Oxford

At Christ Church Cathedral Oxford



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