

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION
CHIGWELL**



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**WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2004
AT 12 NOON**

ORDER OF SERVICE

You are kindly asked to switch off your mobile phones before the beginning of the Funeral Mass. Thank you for your co-operation!

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

John Newton, 1725-1807

FIRST READING

(Wisdom 3:1-6 & 9)

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 an 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 23)

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

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. (**Response**)
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. (**Response**)
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. (**Response**)
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. (**Response**)

SECOND READING

(1Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that will be the same for those who have died in Jesus; God will bring them with him. We can tell this from the Lord's own teaching, that any one of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord

Whoever believes in me will never die.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Matthew 5:1-12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.

Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown to them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called the sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you, when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calamity against you on my account.

Rejoice, and be glad: for your reward will be great in heaven.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

BIDDING PRAYERS

at the end of each petition :

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayer.

At the end of the Bidding Prayers please join in the Hail Mary...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

TRIBUTE

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL *(during the sprinkling and censing of the coffin)*

HYMN

1. As I kneel before you,
as I bow my head in prayer,
take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

2. All I have I give you,
every dream and wish are yours.
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.
3. As I kneel before you,
and I see your smiling face,
every thought, every word
is lost in your embrace

*Maria Parkinson (b. 1956)
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MUSIC PLAYED AS NAME LEAVES THE CHURCH

Dance with my father

Luther Vandross

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