

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Liam Dennehy

R.I.P.

11th May 2018



Funeral Mass

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Castleknock

16th May 2018

11.00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR

Entrance Hymn

Christ Be Beside Me

Reading 1: Ruth Flannery

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

Response

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust.

Response

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flowers like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and he is gone
and his place never sees him again.

Response

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth.

Response

Reading 2: Maurice Lyons

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they

pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening', they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Our brother, Liam, was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him, Lord, to the table of the heavenly banquet.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all who have died, especially the relatives and friends of Liam who have gone before him: - including his sisters Catherine and Helen, his son-in-law Gearóid, and recently his good friend Fr. Jerry Hickey.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

We pray in thanksgiving for Liam's neighbours and friends who have always been so kind. May God reward their kindness and bless their homes with happiness and peace.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the family and friends of Liam, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who nursed and cared for Liam during his recent illness in the Mater Hospital, in particular Dr. John McCabe, the nurses of St. Bernard's Ward and especially Dr. Amy Hudson, that all of them will be rewarded for their gentleness and care.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Strengthen and encourage all those who seek to serve and protect the vulnerable. Inspire our leaders, teachers, doctors, nurses and counsellors to be bringers of hope.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession Hymn

Ag Críost an Síol

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Our Father

Communion Hymns

Bring Flowers of the Rarest – Queen of the May.
There is a Place.

Reflection: Aideen McDonnell

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth.
Of a man as a man, regardless of his birth.
Nor what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with words of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say.
But how many were sorry when he passed away?
(Anonymous)

Recessional Hymn

Songs of the Angels

Liam Dennehy

