

RECEPTION OF COFFIN

Requiem by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Reverend Russell Gant

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by Stephen's friend, the Reverend Philip Ball

BIDDING PRAYERS

Morning Has Broken

Cat Stevens

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

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Psalm 23

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

THE FIRST TRIBUTE

Paul Howd, Stephen's brother



Extract from Lord of the Rings by J.R.R Tolkien

Roads go ever ever on,
Over rock and under tree,
By caves where never sun has shone,
By streams that never find the sea;
Over snow by winter sown,
And through the merry flowers of June,
Over grass and over stone,
And under mountains in the moon.

Roads go ever ever on,
Under cloud and under star.
Yet feet that wandering have gone
Turn at last to home afar.
Eyes that fire and sword have seen,
And horror in the halls of stone
Look at last on meadows green,
And trees and hills they long have known.

The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.

The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with weary feet,
Until it joins some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.

The Road goes ever on and on
Out from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone.
Let others follow, if they can!
Let them a journey new begin.
But I at last with weary feet
Will turn towards the lighted inn,
My evening-rest and sleep to meet.

Still 'round the corner there may wait
A new road or secret gate;
And though I oft have passed them by,
A day will come at last when I
Shall take the hidden paths that run
West of the Moon, East of the Sun.

THE SECOND TRIBUTE

Peter O'Connell, Stephen's friend from Oxford



Lord Of All Hopefulness

Jan Struther

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE THIRD TRIBUTE

Constance Ridge, Stephen's daughter

A LIFE IN PICTURES

Waterloo by ABBA



Extract from The Last Battle by C.S Lewis

“Then Aslan turned to them and said: “You do not yet look so happy as I mean you to be.” Lucy said, “We’re so afraid of being sent away, Aslan. And you have sent us back into our own world so often.”“No fear of that,” said Aslan. “Have you not guessed?”

Their hearts leapt and a wild hope rose within them. “There was a real railway accident,” said Aslan softly. “Your father and mother and all of you are – as you used to call it in the Shadowlands – dead.

The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning”

And as He spoke He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them.

And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story.

All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no-one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.’

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

REFLECTION

For Unto Us A Child Is Born – George Frideric Handel



PROSPECTIVE MP CANVASSES CLEETHORPES SHOPPERS

Tory takes to streets to save the pound

By Simon Willmet

PROSPECTIVE Conservative MP for Cleethorpes, Stephen Howell, was today asking residents of the town to support his fight to retain the British currency.

Mr Howell, together with Tory councillor John Trevithick and the former MP Anthony Munn, canvassed door-to-door in the town today to persuade shoppers to support the pound.

The town's main street is lined with shops, many of which are run by people who are keen to see the pound retained. Mr Howell said "we are not going to let a Conservative MP canvass door-to-door in the town of Cleethorpes. And that is the best of all worlds for the town's public because for the majority of us, the pound is a better option. The fact that Conservative MP will canvass door-to-door today is a good sign."

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SAVING THE POUND ... the prospective Conservative candidate for Cleethorpes, Stephen Howell, is seen in today's canvassing in the town's main street. He is seen with Tory councillor John Trevithick and the former MP Anthony Munn.

... which do not benefit us."

The report is based on a survey of 100 people in the town. It is based on a survey of 100 people in the town. It is based on a survey of 100 people in the town.