

RECEPTION OF COFFIN

Abide with me

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish, it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

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BIDDING PRAYERS

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one can come to the Father except through me."

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HYMN

Do Not Be Afraid

Gerard Markland

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When You Walk Through The Waters I'll Be With You,
You Will Never Have To Sink Beneath The Waves.

Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When The Fire Is Burning All Around You,
You Will Never Be Consumed By The Flames.
Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When The Fear Of Loneliness Is Looming,
Then Remember I Am At Your Side.
Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

When You Dwell In The Exile Of A Stranger,
Remember You Are Precious In My Eyes.
Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

You Are Mine, Oh My Child; I Am Your Father,
And I Love You With A Perfect Love.
Do Not Be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You.
I Have Called You By Your Name; You Are Mine.

PRAYERS

Concluding with

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. Amen

THE SECOND READING

Death Is Nothing At All

Henry Scott Holland

Death is nothing at all.
It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.
Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is
untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play,
smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life
means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.

What is this death but a negligible accident
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight
I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the
corner.

All is well.

Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

May the choirs of angels come to greet you.

May they speed you to paradise.

May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.

May you find eternal life.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

CLOSING MUSIC
Time To Say Goodbye