



Terry Birchall

15TH SEPTEMBER 1955 - 26TH FEBRUARY 2024



Service held in The Ogden Chapel, SW Middlesex Crematorium.

Wednesday 27th of March 3.20pm

Service conducted by Father Shaun Richards

The reception of the body

*Terry's coffin is brought into the crematorium
Music for entrance: You'll Never Walk Alone*

In the name of the father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Introduction Opening Prayer

Hymn

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

First Reading read by Michael Birchall

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4.8-9
Let us live a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: (23)

R/The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**

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 **R/**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory

The Gospel read by Father Shaun

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

Glory to you O Lord.

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 now going 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Father Shaun

Music: What a Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong)

Prayers of the Faithful

Response: Lord hear us - **Lord graciously hear us**

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 Eulogy read by Michael Rayner and Thomas Covington

Final Commendation and Song of Farewell

The Committal and Blessing

Music to exit: Pie Jesu (My Jesus)