

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate,  
If they, like them should die for thee:  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

**Frederick Faber (1814-1863)**

## WELCOME

### INTRODUCTORY RITES & OPENING PRAYER

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)**

**The Lord will destroy Death forever**

On this mountain,  
The Lord of hosts will prepare for all the peoples  
a banquet of rich food.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death forever.  
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek.  
That day it will be said: See this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice,  
that he has saved us.

**The word of the Lord.**

R. Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

### **Psalm 129**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

My sould is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My sould is longing for the Lord  
more than watchmen for daybreak.

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord:  
no one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia

## **GOSPEL**

**Gospel reading – John 14: 1 – 6**

**There are many rooms in my Father's house**

## **HOMILY**

## **TRIBUTE**

Read by Fiona Heames

## **FINAL BLESSING**

### **SONG OF FAREWELL**

**R.** Recieve his soul and present him to God most High

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

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.

**Jan Struther (1901-1953)**