



*Celebrating the life of  
Francis Michael Smith*



*8th June 1934 - 18th September 2024*

*Service held at St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton, Bolton  
on Thursday 10th October 10am*



***EULOGY***  
***By Carl Smith***

**HYMN - I watch the Sunrise**  
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***Reading from the First Letter of St. John 3: 1-2***  
***Read by Duncan Smith***

**Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's Children, and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us . My dear people, we are already the children of God, but what we are to be has not yet been revealed. All we know is that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. This is the word of the Lord**

***Responsorial Psalm - the Lord is My Shepherd***  
***Read by Duncan Smith***

***Response : 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**

**Response**

**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**

**Response**

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

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life .  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever  
Response**

***Gospel - Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 11 :  
25-30  
Read by Father***

***Offertory Hymn - Make me a Channel of your peace  
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***Communion Hymn - I am Bread of life  
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***Poem - ' He is gone '  
Read by Nicola Tickle***

**You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and  
go on.**

***Closing Hymn - Do not be afraid  
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*APPRECIATION*

The family would like to thank you all for your  
kind support during this time of sadness.

