

You will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,

then remember I am at your side.

*When you dwell in the exile of the stranger, remember you are precious in
my eyes.*

*You are mine, O my child I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.*

Gerard Markland

Sign of the Cross

Greeting and Introduction

Edward's coffin is sprinkled with holy water, a symbol of baptism.

Entrance Hymn *All join in singing:*

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.*

*1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings. (Refrain)*

*2. The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)*

*3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. (Refrain)*

4. *God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.*

Opening Prayer

*O God,
to whom mercy and forgiveness belong,
hear our prayers on behalf of Edward
whom you have called from this world;
and because he put his hope and trust in you,
take him safely home to heaven
and come to enjoy your eternal reward.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading from the book of Wisdom

*The virtuous man, though he die before his time
will find rest.
Length of days is not what makes age honourable,
nor, number of years the true measure of life;
understanding, this is man's grey hairs,
untarnished life, this is ripe old age..
He has sought to please God, so God has loved him;
as he was living among sinners he has been taken up.
He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his
understanding or treachery seduce his soul.
Coming to perfection in so short a while,
he achieved long life, his soul being pleasing to the
Lord*

*He has taken him quickly from the wickedness sur-
rounding him.*

*Yet people look on, uncomprehending;
It does not enter their heads
that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord,
and protection, his holy ones.
The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.*

***Psalm** All join in singing:*

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
May soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill.
For thou art with me and thy rod
And staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes,
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.*

All stand for the Gospel reading

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

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children.

Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Bidding Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Eulogy