

*Leterno riposo dona a loro o Signore,
splendi ad essi la luce perpetua.
Riposino in pace. Amen.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by Father Chris Heaps

Introductory Rites

Greeting

Hymn 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven' # 807

Entrance Procession

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Corinthians (2 Cor 4:14-5.1)

Hymn 'The Lord's my shepherd' #806

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-7

Homily

Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn: 'Upon thy table Lord...' #606

Communion Rite

Hymn: 'Soul of my Saviour' #938

Eulogy

Final Commendation

Invitation to prayer

Silence

Signs of Farewell

Angelo's coffin is sprinkled with holy water as a sign that through baptism he is marked for eternal life.

The Song of Farewell

The Song of Farewell affirms our hope and trust in the saving work of Christ.

Celebrant: Saints of God come to our aid. Come to comfort us angels of the Lord.

All: ***Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.***

C: May Christ who called you, take you to Himself, may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All: ***Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.***

C: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: ***Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.***

Prayer of Commendation

Celebrant:

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we recommend our brother Angelo in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Angelo in his life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

All continue:

Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we meet in Christ and are with you and our brother forever. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Procession to the place of Committal

Celebrant:

May God be with us today as we make this final journey with Angelo to his place of rest.

Hymn: 'Now thank we all our God' #945

Rite of Committal

Reading Crematorium and Henley Road Cemetery, All Hallows Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 5LP

Music:

Gabriel Faure Requiem op 48 VII. In Paradisum.

Invitation:

Celebrant:

We gather here to commend our brother Angelo to God our Father and to Commit his body to be cremated. In the spirit of faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, let us offer our prayers for Angelo.

We read in Sacred Scripture:

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

Intercessions:

Celebrant:

Dear friends, in reverence let us pray to God, the source of all mercies.

Gracious Lord, forgive the sins of those who have died in Christ.

R/. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Remember all the good they have done.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Welcome Angelo into eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Lighten our sense of loss with your presence.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Increase our faith and strengthen our hope.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord,

whose wisdom is beyond all human understanding, you created Angelo in your likeness and now hold him close to your heart. Listen to our prayers and extend to us your grace, as we strive to cope with our sense of loss and grief. May our fond memories of Angelo sustain us through the darkness of these days and give us the strength we need to carry on. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Signs of Farewell

The coffin is now sprinkled with holy water: a sign of blessing, of our new life in Christ through Baptism and of our hope in the resurrection.

Committal

All:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Angelo and we commit his body to be cremated:

earth to earth

ashes to ashes,

dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him,

the Lord make his face to shine upon him

and be gracious to him

the Lord lift up his countenance upon him

and give him peace.

Celebrant:

Let us pray for Angelo, who is with God.

Loving God, from whom all life comes and by whose hand the dead are raised again, though we are sinners, you always wish to hear us. Listen to the prayers of your Church and grant to your servant Angelo, whose funeral we have celebrated today, the inheritance promised to all your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R./Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

R./And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

R./Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R./Amen

As we go our separate ways, let us do so, in the peaceful presence of Christ among us.

R./Thanks be to God.

Music: John Denver – Sunshine On My Shoulders.