

To Celebrate the Life of

Laurence Portaluri



7 Sept 1996 - 4 April 2024

Service held at All Saints RC Church, Lanchester

Friday May 17th 2024

Entrance Hymn:
Thine Be The Glory

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.*

**Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.**

*Lo, Jesus meets is risen from the tomb,
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
let the church of gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life,
life is nought without thee, aid us in our strife.
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love,
bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above.*

First Reading:

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

Response: The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The Lord is my Shepard, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Response: The word of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Bidding Prayers

Response: Hear our prayer

**We ask our Blessed Lady to intercede for us,
as we say.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus, Holy Mary,
Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death,
Amen.

Offertory Hymn:
Amazing Grace.

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.*

*I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.*

*How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.*

*'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures.*

*He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.*

Communion Song
Ave Maria- Maria Callas

Communion

**If you would like a blessing then please feel free to
join us with your arms crossed with your
hands on the opposite shoulder.**

Eulogy

Read by Thomas and Anthony Portaluri

Poem: Footprints.

THE FOOTPRINTS PRAYER

One night I had a dream... I dreamed I was walking along the beach
with the Lord, and

Across the sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene
of my life flashed before us,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many
times along the path of my life,

There was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it
happened at the very

Lowest and saddest times in my life

This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,

You would walk with me all the way;

But I have noticed that during the
most troublesome times in my life,

There is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why in times when I
needed you the most, you should leave me.

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious
child. I love you, and I would never,
never leave you during your times of
trial and suffering.

When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.



**Pray for me, as I will for thee, that we may
merrily meet in heaven.**

St Thomas More



Laurence's burial will take place at
Langley Park cemetery after this Service.

The family would *like to thank* everyone for their attendance,
love, thoughts and prayers and hope you can
join us afterwards at The Rams Head, Langley Park