

St Paul's Church Brighton



Funeral Requiem
for

Anne Erica Wilson

Born August 25th 1945. Died January 3rd 2021

Wednesday January 27th 2021

WELCOME to St Paul's. We meet today to say farewell to Anne, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, mentor, friend. We miss her immensely, our goodbye attenuated by circumstances beyond our control. Messages that have arrived testify to her expertise and commitment in her Early Years work, her Yoga teaching and practice. Her immense energy allowed her to be generous with her time, with Yoga and cycling friends, with her family, recently with WI and with the Church. She now moves on to the next stage of her existence, supported by our love and prayer and by the rites of the Church. Anne is still part of our community, for death does not bring to an end the ties forged by baptism and mutual love. The pain of separation is hard to bear, and although it will fade it will never completely disappear. We are sustained by the hope that in due time we will all be reunited. Our farewell today takes place in the context of the 'normal' life of the Church, where we gather to offer our love and thanks to God for the gift of his Son to us and receive in return the precious gift of food for our journey in Holy Communion. This was an important focus in Anne's life and it now reminds us that nothing can ultimately separate us from the love of God shown to us in Christ Jesus. Please pray for Anne and for each other, as we move on, thankful for the enrichment she brought to all our lives.

Jesu, mercy. Mary, pray.

If you wish to make a donation in memory of Anne, please follow this link:

<https://annewilson.muchloved.com/>

Donations are encouraged to Solomon Ward at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, where Anne spent her last days. The care she received there and the welcome extended to visitors were unparalleled and we are so grateful.

Many thanks to Fr Simon Brandes, a longstanding friend, for presiding at today's service.

Please ensure you wear face covering during the service, and observe social distancing. At the end of the service, in accordance with government guidelines, please leave promptly.

Please join in sections in **bold type**.

When the bell rings PLEASE STAND

The priest meets the cortege at the entrance to the church.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
and also with you.*

The priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water:

In the waters of baptism Anne died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

The priest leads the procession into the church. When all are in their places, the priest addresses the assembly:

Let us pray.

Silent prayer.

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the firstfruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant Anne, who has gone to her rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PLEASE SIT

FIRST READING Romans 8:31-38

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 (Please remain seated)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?*

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

*One thing I have asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

*Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me;
therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

PLEASE STAND:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia. Alleluia.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who
believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone
who lives and believes in me will never die.
Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING John 11:32-45

*The Lord be with you
and also with you.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.*

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE SIT

THE HOMILY by Fr Simon Brandes, vicar of St Nicholas Chiswick.

Afterwards silence will be kept. When the priest stands PLEASE STAND

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (Please remain standing)

After each section:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end, silence is kept, then:

God of mercy,

**entrusting into your hands all that you have made
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful
people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our
Saviour. Amen.**

PLEASE SIT. The bread and wine are brought to the altar.

PLEASE STAND to be censed.

*Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God the almighty Father.*

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise
and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy
Church.**

The priest says the PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

...through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Lord be with you
and also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PRIEST continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRIEST asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and wine. The president continues, joining our offering with Christ's offering of himself.

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The mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

At the end of the prayer the priest says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PRIEST INTRODUCES THE LORD'S PRAYER and then:

Our Father, who art in heaven, ...but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.^[6]

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave

you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

*The peace of the Lord be with you always
and also with you.*

The sign of peace is not exchanged.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The priest invites those who wish to receive Holy Communion to come to the altar:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communicant members of all churches are invited to receive. Please form a line in the centre aisle, observing social distancing, and receive into the hand.

When all who wish have received Holy Communion there will be a time of silence. At the end PLEASE STAND with the priest.

Let us pray.

The priest says the PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION. At the end:

...through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION AND COMMITTAL

The priest stands near the coffin.

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister

Anne. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Silent prayer. Then the coffin is sprinkled with holy water and censed.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Anne in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Anne in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward 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 all meet in Christ and are with you and our sister Anne eternally. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The coffin is taken to the main door of the church.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Anne, and we commit her body to be cremated, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace, now and forever.

Amen.

The coffin is taken from the church for cremation. When the priest returns:

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus bless us and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes. And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.