In Loving Memory of

MARTIN MCGUIRE

11th December 1953 - 21st April 2024



Friday 10th May 2024

St Mary and St John's Church, Newton-le-Willows at 1.00 pm followed by St Helens Crematorium, Rainford Road,

St Helens WA10 6DF at 2.30 pm



Order of Service

ENTRANCE HYMN

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,

Casting its shadows near.

And on this morning, bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

But You are always close to me, Following all my ways. May I be always close to You, Following all Your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.

And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel Your brightness near me.

For You are always...

I watch the sunset fading away, Lighting the clouds with sleep. And as the evening closes its eyes, I feel Your presence near me. For You are always...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest Only Your peace is near me.
Yes, You are always...

John Glynn (b. 1948)

EULOGY

Matthew Gibson, cousin to Martin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

OPENING PRAYER

O God almighty Father, our faith professes that your son died and rose again, mercifully grant, that through this mystery, your servant Martin McGuire, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom Margaret Normansell, sister-in-law to Martin

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace, he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - PSALM 91 Response: The Lord is my refuge and fortress.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, Say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

Response: The Lord is my refuge and fortress.

He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague,
He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge.
His faithfulness is a protecting shield.

Response: The Lord is my refuge and fortress.

You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, Nor the plague that ravages at noon.

Response: The Lord is my refuge and fortress.

Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come.

Because he clings to me I will deliver him; because he knows my name I will set him on high. He will call upon me and I will answer; I will be with him in distress.

Response: The Lord is my refuge and fortress.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

A READING

from the holy gospel according to John, Chapter 14: verses 1-7

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you know him and have seen him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray to the all-powerful Father who raised Jesus from the dead and gives new life to our mortal bodies.

Father, through baptism we have been buried with your Son and have risen with him in his resurrection, grant that we may walk in newness of life so that when we die, we may live in Christ for ever.

Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Lord, you sent an angel to comfort your Son in his agony, give us the hope of your consolation when death draws near.

Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Lord, we pray for all assembled here today to give thanks for the life of Martin, and may we be gathered again in your Father's Kingdom.

Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

God of the living and the dead, you raised Jesus from the dead, raise up those who have died and grant that we may share eternal glory with them.

Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Priest: Lord, hear our prayers by raising your Son from the dead, you have given us faith. Strengthen our hope that Martin our brother, will share in his resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FAREWELL/TRIBUTE SONG You Are Mine

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When I am down and, oh, my soul, so weary; When troubles come and my heart burdened be; Then I am still and wait here in the silence, Until you come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains; You raise me up to walk on stormy seas; I am strong when I am on your shoulders; You raise me up to more than I can be.

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Newton-le-Willows RUFC



Martin and Marie

Martin's family thank you for attending the service today and warmly invite you to celebrate Martin's life at St Patrick's Social Centre, Newton-le-Willows WA12 9JH.

Open from 2pm for those who are unable to attend the Crematorium.

Access to the Club at the rear of the Church. Expected return from the Crematorium is approximately 3.15 pm.

No flowers please, however, donations are welcome for

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