

Funeral Prayers for
*Matthew Christopher
Barber*

23.06.1976 - 19.08.2021



*Handley and Anderson Chapel
Thursday 9th September, 2021 - 11.00am.
Father Darren Howie*

Order of Service

Entrance Hymn: Nearer, My God, to Thee - Rosemary Siemens

Eulogy: Conrad Tirant, Juliet Barber, Lisa Barber.

DVD Presentation:

Music:

I'll Be Missing You - Puff Daddy feat. Faith Evans

Adios Amigos - Jim Reeves

Opening Prayer: Fr. Darren Howie

Almighty God and Father,

It is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Grant that through this mystery your servant Matthew, who has gone to his 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 and the Holy Spirit, God for ever.

Amen

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Lucy Condon

2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10

We know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens. We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight-we are full of confidence, I say,

and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord:

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is My Sheppard (To be sung)

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.

My 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 no 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 forevermore,

My dwelling place shall be.

Gospel Acclamation: Fr. Darren Howie

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Fr. Darren Howie

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; So that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going”.

Thomas said, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus said: “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

No one can come to the Father, except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Fr. Darren Howie

Prayers of the Faithful: Lucy Condon, Vincent Barber, Juliet Barber

God, the almighty Father raised Jesus His Son from the Dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

For Matthew who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer

For our brother Matthew who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer

For the family and friends of our brother Matthew, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially his father Robert and all the dearly departed loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer

For all of his loved ones, especially his children, that they may be comforted in their grief and in the fullness of time reunited with him in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Fr. Darren Howie:

God, our shelter and our strength,

you listen in love to the cry of your people:

hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters.

Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fulness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer;

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Final Commendation:

Prayer of Farewell:

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

Saints of God, come to his aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! **(R)**

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. **(R)**

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him. **(R)**

Final Song: Spirit In The Sky - Norman Greenbaum



Committal Service held at Grantville Cemetery

Music:

The Rose - Bette Midler
Better Be Home Soon - Crowded House



*The eternal God is your refuge,
and his everlasting arms are under you.*

- Deuteronomy 33:27

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