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Irish Blessing

*May the road rise
to meet you,
May the wind be
always at your back.
May the sun shine
warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft
upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you
in the palm of his hand.*

With Thanks

Thank you for your
presence and participation
as we farewell Peter
who now shares eternal
life in glory with Christ.



Celebrating the life of

PETER MICHAEL O'MEARA



Born 18th May, 1956 ~ Called to Eternal Life 6th June, 2023



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Read by Donna Kearney (please be seated)

A Reading from the book of Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my Shepherd (Brian Boniwell) (sung)

Verse 1
*The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.*

Refrain
*I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

Verse 2
*And while on the journey to where we are
going, he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.*

Second Reading Read by Jacob Bierhuizen

A Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Bp. Terry The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

All: 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.

Holy Communion (please kneel)

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

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Bp. Terry The Body of Christ.

All: Amen.

Communion Songs

Ave Maria, Vincent Starry, Starry Night & Bridge Over Troubled Water
Ministers: David and Marea DeAngelis

Prayer after Communion (please stand)

Bp. Terry Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of His Body and Blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your Kingdom. May our brother Peter, who shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Visual Tribute (please be seated)

I Saw Her Standing There, I Did it My Way & You've Got a Friend in Me,
Father and Son by Yusuf/Cat Stevens

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer

Bp. Terry Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Peter. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Preface

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, 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.

Mystery of Faith (please kneel)

Bp. Terry The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Bp. Terry 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.

All: Amen.

Communion Rite (please stand)

The Lord's Prayer

Bp. Terry At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is 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.

Bp. Terry 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.

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

Sign of Peace

Bp. Terry 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.

All: Amen.

Gospel Acclamation *of Revelation 1:8 (JB) (Sung)*

(please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

Bp. Terry The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bp. Terry A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 3:16-18

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Bp. Terry Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Bishop Terry (please be seated)

Prayers of the Faithful (please stand)

Read by Sean O'Meara, Harry Koutsospyros, Dani & Thomas O'Meara, Peter Cannon, Mark McFarlane, Melissa Todd, Kazzi Ali and Matthew McFarlane

Bp. Terry Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits on the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

Sean: In baptism, Peter received the light of Christ and he was nourished at the table of the Lord. Scatter the darkness now and welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Harry: For our brother Peter, who spent his life following Jesus; generous, faithful and obedient. Count him among all holy men and women who sing in your heavens. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Dani & Thomas: For all those who care for the sick and dying, especially those who cared for Peter during his illness. To Professor Rowe and team, as well as Peter's nurses and carers - Kate, Em, Elana, Elesa, Ruci, Keesa, Jose and Trish. To Elana, thank you for not only caring for Peter but for always offering cuddles with Thomas. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Peter: For Peter's family, especially Christine, Caitlin, Liam & Thomas, that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Mark: For Peter's friends and colleagues, that they be consoled in their loss and strengthened through their relationship with Peter in life, that continues through his legacies that remain in all the places touched by his life. The family would like to acknowledge Pat for her ongoing generosity and support throughout this time. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Melissa: For members of Peter's family and all our passed family, friends and community members, remembering especially Mary, Betty and Jack who have gone before us and await the kingdom of God. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Kazzi: For our brother Peter, who welcomed all people, under one Maker, acknowledging everyone as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, with a sincere heart. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Matthew: For all of us assembled here to remember Peter, and to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom. Lord in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

Bp. Terry God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: Hear the prayers we offer for Peter (Pete) and all those who have died, Cleanse them of their sins, and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession (please be seated)

Brought to the altar by Kev O'Connor & Paul Ohmson

Offertory Hymn "On Eagles Wings"

Invitation to Pray (please stand)

Bp. Terry Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: 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.

Prayer over the Gifts

Bp. Terry As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Peter, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Bp. Terry The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

Bp. Terry Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bp. Terry Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.