

In Loving Memory of

James Gordon Roberts

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St John the Baptist Church

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Introductory Rights

Entrance Hymn *Amazing Grace*

(First verse solo by Debora McInnes)

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

(Congregation join in)

'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 has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

Greeting	Father
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Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Laying of the Pall

Eulogies Paul Cesana, Andrew Culhane
Jamie Draper for Rebecca

Liturgy of the Word

Reading *The Parable of the Good Samaritan,*
(Luke 10:25-37)

Diarmuid Crowley

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

All: Thanks be to God

The Response

Psalm 24 *To You, O Lord, I lift my Soul*

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

All: To You, O Lord, I lift my Soul

Relieve the anguish of my heart and set me free from my distress. See my affliction and my toil and take all my sins away.

All: To You, O Lord, I lift my Soul

Preserve my life and rescue me. Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge. May innocence and uprightness protect me: for my hope is in you, O Lord.

All: To You, O Lord, I lift my Soul

Gospel Acclamation

All: Alleluia, Alleluia
Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
Let them rest from their labours
for their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia

Gospel *John 6:37-40*

Jesus said to the crowd:
'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and
whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away;
because I have come from heaven, not to do my
own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me.
Now the will of him who sent me is that I should
lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and
that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is
my father's will that whoever sees the Son and
believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I
shall raise him up on the last day.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Fr Peter Let us pray for our brother James to our Lord Jesus Christ who said: "I am the resurrection and the life. The man who believes in me will live even if he dies, and every living person who puts his faith in me will never suffer eternal death."

Fr Peter We pray for James, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that he may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter We pray for James' family, especially Maisie, Alvin, Rebecca, Debora, Lyn and David, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother James. Let us pray that God will strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of the coming of Christ.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter Many friends and members of families have gone before us and await the kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

Final Reading

‘My Daddy James’

by Maisie and Alvin

Read by Diarmuid Crowley

The Final Commendation

Song of Farewell

Fr Peter Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to
meet him, angels of the Lord.

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

Fr Peter May Christ, who called you, take you to
himself; may angels lead you to the bosom
of Abraham.

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

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

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

**Recessional *Here Comes The Sun*
Greg Field, Mandolin**

Maisie and Alvin's Poem



'MY DADDY JAMES'

Music reminds us of our Daddy
Yellow like the star on his red t-shirt

Delicious vegemite on toast
Amazing football player
Drums weren't his style
Drawing he loved to do
Yummy 'cannolives' at Preston Market

Jan's Jam made him happy
Alvin and Maisie are his tiny noggins
Mummy and Deb loved him so very much
Every question we ever asked he had the answer to
Singing was his talent and his music filled our hearts with joy.

**James' family thanks you for your presence here today,
and for sharing in James' life. Your support and prayers
are much appreciated by us all.**

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

