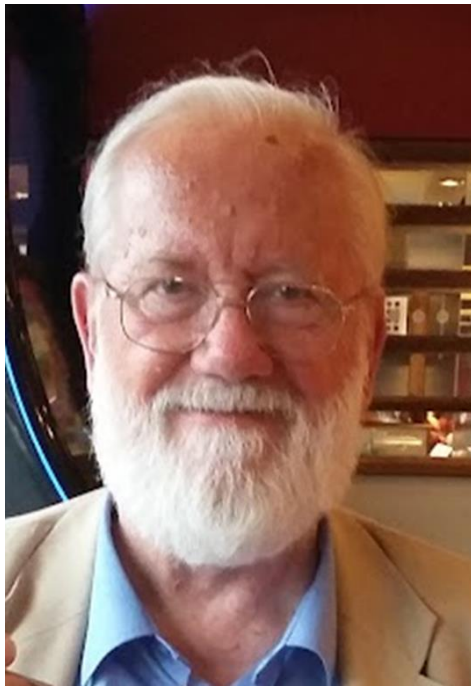




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Funeral Mass  
for Richard North  
11<sup>th</sup> April 1941 – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Receiving the Coffin

*Fr Graeme meets the coffin at the door of the church and says*

We receive the body of our brother Richard with confidence in God, the giver of life, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead.

*After the coffin has been placed on the trestles it will be sprinkled with water, and these words may be used.*

With this water, we call to mind Richard's baptism. As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us, so may he bring us to the fullness of resurrection life with Richard and all the redeemed. **Amen.**

*Please stand as the organist begins to play the hymn. As the coffin is carried to the front of the Cathedral we sing.*



Every generation,  
 Mary, calls thee blest,  
 Lady, first of women  
 By the Church confessed  
 Since Saint Gabriel's message  
 Fell upon thine ear,  
 Filling thee with gladness  
 And with holy fear.

Mary, Star of Ocean,  
 Light amid the gloom.  
 Since the true Light tarried  
 In thy spotless womb;  
 Evermore we love thee,  
 Shrine of Royal Child,  
 Mother of our Saviour,  
 Maiden undefiled.

Daughter, meek, obedient  
 To the Father's word,  
 Mary, Israel's Lily,  
 Who Heaven's tidings heard:  
 Virgin, yet a Mother,  
 Though we know not how,  
 Matron, Maid for ever,  
 Christ's dear Mother thou.

Though so far above us  
 Mother, thou art ours,  
 In the world's dark conflict,  
 And in death's dark hours;  
 In our hearts  
                                 we throne thee;  
 To thy Son we bow,  
 Giving Him the glory;  
 Christ's dear Mother thou.

**Pattern thou of meekness,  
Purity and love,  
Crowned with stars for beauty,  
In the home above;  
All thy children bring thee  
Praise with one accord,  
For thou art our Mother,  
Mother of our Lord.**

*Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

*Music: Goshen, Melody by Marchel Davis (C.1848)*

## **The Gathering**

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

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

*The Venerable Stuart Beake, Interim Dean of Guildford, welcomes the people and introduces the service.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*Fr Graeme sings each penitential sentence; the cantor then sings Lord, have mercy, followed by Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) or Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy). The final phrase is repeated by all.*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart.

Lord, have mercy: Kyrie eleison.

*All sing*



You came to call sinners.

Christ have mercy: Christe eleison.

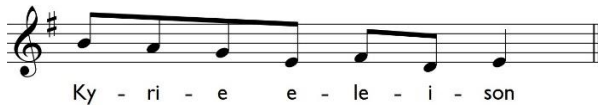
*All sing*



You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us.

Lord, have mercy: Kyrie eleison.

*All sing*



## Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*The cantor sings Amen, which we all repeat.*



## The Collect

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just, by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son we have been redeemed, look mercifully on your departed servant Richard, that, just as he professed the mystery of our resurrection, so he may merit to receive the joys of eternal happiness.

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.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit for the liturgy of the word.*

*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39*

*Read by Canon Gilly Myers*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 25:5, 6b, 16-17, 19-20*

*The choir sings the response through once, which the congregation repeats.*

*All join in the response during the psalm, as indicated.*



Re-mem-ber your mer-cy, O Lord.\_\_\_\_

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

Think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love. **Response**

The sorrows of my heart have increased;  
O bring me out of my distress.

Look upon my adversity and misery  
and forgive me all my sin. **Response**

O keep my soul and deliver me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.  
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for my hope has been in you. **Response**

*Chant: Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-1899)*

*The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir, and then sung by everybody. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead,  
and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**





## The Homily

Given by Fr Graeme Rowlands – *Priest Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham & superior-General of the Society of Mary.*

### Prayers of Intercession – Universal Prayers

*Please sit or kneel; for the prayers led by Canon Mavis Wilson.*

*After each petition we respond:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The intercessor concludes the prayer for the faithful departed with:*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace, **Amen.**

*The prayers conclude with us saying together.*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### The Peace

*We stand as Fr Graeme introduces the Peace:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

## The Offertory



**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;**

**Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

*Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

*Music: CP 278, Hyfrydol, Melody by Rowland Huw Pritchard  
(1811-1887), harmonised by editors of English Hymnal 1906*

## **The Preparation of the Altar**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours 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 Church.**

As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Richard, 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.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation is arranged in four rows. The first row shows the President singing 'The Lord be with you.' and the All singing 'And also with you.' The second row shows the President singing 'Lift up your hearts.' and the All singing 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third row shows the President singing 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth row shows the All singing 'It is right to give thanks and praise.'

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.  
By his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil  
and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead  
you have given us new birth into a living hope,  
into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,  
and so we join with angels and archangels,  
with Richard and all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God\_ of

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pow'r and God\_ of might: hea-ven and earth, hea-ven and earth are full of your

18

glo-ry, your pow'r and might. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san -

26

-na in the high\_ est heav'ns. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san -

34

-na in the high - est heav'ns. Bles - sed,

42

bles-sed is he\_ whocomes, bles-sed, bles-sed is he\_ who comes, bles-sed is he,

51

bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho-

59

san - na, ho - san - na in the high\_ est heav'ns. Ho - san -

66

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est heav'ns.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*Fr Graeme sings*

Let us pro - claim the mys - t'ry of faith:

*All respond*

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Christ has died, Christ is ris'n Je - sus Christ will come a - gain. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est heav'ns.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*



As our Saviour taught and commanded us we are bold to pray,

**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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*We sing the Agnus Dei:*

Je-sus, ri-sen Lord, tri-um-phant King: Je-sus, true re-dee-mer of the world:

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Hear our prayer have mer-cy; hear our prayer have mer-cy give us your peace.

7

Je-sus, Mor-ning Star which ne-ver sets: Je-sus, Pas-chal Lamb and sa-cri-fice:

10

Hear our prayer have mer-cy; hear our prayer have mer-cy give us your peace.

13

Je-sus, bur-ning from the shat-tered tomb Je-sus, migh-ty Vic-tor ov-er death:

16

Hear our prayer have mer-cy; hear our prayer have mer-cy give us your peace.

*The Celebrant invites the people to communion*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

*All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine.*

*There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do*



*not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.*

*The response after receiving a blessing is **Amen.***

## **Anthem**

*The Guildford Cathedral Singers, under the direction of John Bawden, will sing the anthem.*

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,  
pure beam of the most high,  
eternal light of this our wintry world,  
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,  
hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
as stars about thy throne, set in the height  
of God's ordaining counsel,  
as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,  
thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
in fellowship with Thee,  
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,  
now pure within, now pure within.  
Amen.

*Words: H.R. Bramley (1833-1917)*

*Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## Communion Hymn

We sing the following hymn.



**Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Hid in thine earthly home,  
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home for every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease  
And sorrows all depart;  
There in thine ear all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery:  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar,  
Within thy shelter blest  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves,  
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
Thy Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

*Words and Tune: Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)  
Music: CP 324, Divine Mysteries.*

## **Post Communion**

*Fr Graeme prays the post communion prayer.*

Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Richard. may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Tributes to Richard**

Given by Bob Luckhurst and Richard Croucher

After the tributes, we stand to sing.

## Hymn



**Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath thy contemplation  
Sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, O I know not,  
What social joys are there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
What light beyond compare.**

**They stand, those halls of Sion,  
Conjubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel,  
And all the martyr throng;  
The Prince is ever in them,  
The daylight is serene,  
The pastures of the blessed  
Are decked in glorious sheen.**

**There is the throne of David,  
And there, from care released,  
The song of them that triumph,  
The shout of them that feast;  
And they who, with their Leader,  
Have conquered in the fight,  
For ever and for ever  
Are clad in robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country,  
Shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country,  
Shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes!  
The Lord shall be thy part:  
His only, his for ever,  
Thou shalt be, and thou art!**

*Words: Bernard of Cluny (12<sup>th</sup> Century) Translated by J M Neale  
(1818-1866). Music: CP 482, Alexander Ewing, (1830-1895)*

## **Commendation and Farewell**

*Fr Graeme stands by Richard's coffin and says:*

Let us commend Richard to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we entrust Richard to your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Richard's coffin is honoured with Holy Water and Incense before Fr Graeme says the following prayer to conclude the service for those not attending the committal.*

May the eternal God bless and keep us, guard our bodies, save our souls and bring us safe to the heavenly country, our eternal home, where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit reign, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*As Richard's coffin is carried from the Cathedral, the choir sings the*

### **Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :

before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :

world without end. Amen.

*Text: Luke 2. 29-32*

*Chant: Henry Baker (1821-1877)*

### **Organ Voluntary**

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein (BWV 641) *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*Played by Asher Oliver – Sub Organist at Guildford Cathedral.*

*During the organ voluntary please follow the family to the west end of the Cathedral.*

*The Funeral Mass will be followed by a family committal at Guildford Crematorium.*

*As you leave the Cathedral a collection will be taken for the Society of Mary and Didcot Railway Centre. You can donate by using the QR code below, by card at the card-reader points, or by cash; please use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a UK tax-payer.*



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