

**RECEPTION INTO CHURCH OF  
THE VENERABLE DENNIS EDE**



**Service held at**

**St Michael & All Angels Church, South Beddington**

**4.30 pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Presiding Minister:**

***The Reverend Father Paul Fitzpatrick CA SCP***

***Assistant Curate of St Michael & All Angels with St Paul's, Roundshaw***

## **Receiving the Coffin**

*The minister meets the coffin at the door of the church and says:*

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

*The coffin will be sprinkled with water, and these words are said:*

With this water we call to mind Dennis'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 Dennis and all the redeemed.

**All Amen.**

*The Paschal candle is lit and processed by Father Paul in front of Dennis' coffin to the altar.*

*The minister says:*

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

*John 11.25,26*

‘God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.’

*John 3.16*

*When the coffin is in place, the minister prays:*

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you destroyed the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. As we remember before you our brother Dennis we ask your help for all who shall gather in his memory. Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace, by the Spirit you have given us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All Amen.***

*A pall is to be placed over the coffin, with these words:*

We are already God’s children, but what we shall be, has not yet been revealed. Yet we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

*A Book of Gospels is placed on the coffin, with these words:*

Lord Jesus Christ, your living and imperishable word brings us to new birth. Your eternal promises to us and to Dennis are proclaimed in the Bible.

*A cross is placed on the coffin, with these words:*

Lord Jesus Christ, for love of Dennis and each one of us you bore our sins on the cross.

*A stole is placed on the coffin, with these words:*

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you called Dennis to be a priest into the order of Melchizedek as he served you faithfully on earth, may he adore you at your feet.

### **Readings and Prayers**

Heavenly Father, you have not made us for darkness and death, but for life with you for ever. Without you we have nothing to hope for; with you we have nothing to fear. Speak to us now your words of eternal life. Lift us from anxiety and guilt to the light and peace of your presence, and set the glory of your love before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

‘I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.’ *Job*  
*19:25-27*

### **Nunc dimittis**

***All* Awake may we watch with Christ:  
asleep may we rest in peace.**

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: \*  
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

***All* Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, you love everything you have made and judge us with infinite mercy and justice. We rejoice in your promises of pardon, joy and peace to all those who love you. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, who rose again, and lives for evermore.

**All Amen.**

## **Ending**

*The minister uses these prayers:*

Dennis has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ. As we leave his body here, we entrust him, with faith and hope in everlasting life, to the love and mercy of our Father and surround him with our love and prayer. In baptism, he was made by adoption a child of God. At the eucharist he was sustained and fed. God now welcomes him to his table in heaven to share in eternal life with all the saints.

**All Amen.**

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on your children in their loss; give to troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

**All he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

**All he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:

**All he will lead us in God's holy way.**

To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**All be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.**

*The service ends with a time of silence.*



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