

**Requiem Mass for  
Revd Canon Donald Gray**

***21 July 1930 to 4 July 2025***

***Rector of Liverpool***

***1974-87***

**7 September 2025**

**6.00pm**



*Before the service:*

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*Organ: Pièce Modales no. I – Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

*Opening hymn and Greeting:*

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**All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true. God unknown, He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.**

**Worldly pride and earthly glory, word and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to  
dust.  
But God's power, Hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing  
thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of  
naught.  
Evermore From his store new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand At his hand; joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call One and all: ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) based on Meine Hoffnung stechet  
feste by Joachim Neander (1650-80)*

*Music: 'Michael' Herbert Norman Howells (1892-1983)*

*Entrance antiphon:* Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light  
shine on him for ever

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

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

*The Celebrant introduces the service.*

## Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion.

*The Saint Nicholas Singers' sing:*

*Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison*

[Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy]

*[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]*

*We receive an absolution, assuring us of God's forgiveness*

## The Collect

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with Donald and all the faithful departed the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Readings: (we sit)

First Reading: (Isaiah 61.1-3)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Saint Nicholas' Singers sings Psalm 121:*

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills \* from whence cometh my help.
2. My help cometh even from the Lord \* who hath made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved \* and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord himself is thy keeper \* the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day \* neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil \* yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in \* from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading: (Romans 8.31-39)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(We stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord: 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please turn to face the Gospel reading: (John 21.15-19)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon—* Revd Michelle Montrose

*The Intercessions: (please kneel or sit)*

*Either of the following may be used:*

Lord hear us    **Lord graciously hear us**

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

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

*The Peace: (We stand)*

*The Peace is introduced, followed by:*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Offertory Hymn:*

**O thou who camest from above,  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make my sacrifice complete.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Music: 'Hereford' Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)*

*The Eucharistic Prayer:*

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*A prayer is said over the gifts on the altar, to which we respond* **Amen.**

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

Lift up your hearts.    **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The seasonal part of the prayer follows and at the end the Saint Nicholas' Singers sing:*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.*

*[Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.]*

*[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]*

*We pray for the Holy Spirit to transform us and the gifts, and then the words of Jesus at the Last Supper are recalled:*

*The following acclamation is then used:*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus:*

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The prayer continues with oblation and intercession, ending:*

*... we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*The Saint Nicholas' Singers sing:*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.*

[Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.]

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.**

*During Communion:*

*In Paradisum deducant Angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem, Chorus Angelorum te suscipiant, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.*

[May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem.]

*[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]*

*Post-Communion Prayers: (We stand at 'Let us pray')*

*After the post-communion prayer we say together*

**Gracious God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet: grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

*Final hymn: (we stand)*

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**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! That flesh and blood,  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against their foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
And essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! That he who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

*Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90)*

*Music: 'Gerontius' John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

The Blessing: (we stand)

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

...and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Organ: Elegy—George Talben-Ball (1896-1987)*

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