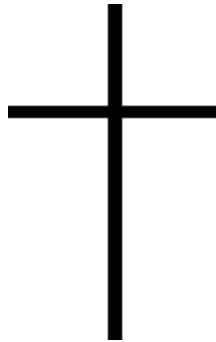


St Bene't's, Cambridge

# FUNERAL EUCHARIST

Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 12:00 pm



**LUCIAN NETHSINGHA**

3 May 1936 – 12 February 2021

There is an old belief,  
That on some solemn shore,  
Beyond the sphere of grief  
Dear friends shall meet once more.

Beyond the sphere of Time  
And Sin and Fate's control,  
Serene in changeless prime  
Of body and of soul.

That creed I fain would keep  
That hope I'll ne'er forgo,  
Eternal be the sleep,  
If not to waken so.

There is an old belief, *John Gibson Lockhart (1794-1854)*

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

Psalm 121, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*The service is conducted by the Vicar of St Bene't's, the Reverend Anna Matthews*

*The cantor is Joseph Wicks*

*The organist is Glen Dempsey*

*The ordinary of the Mass is sung to Missa pro defunctis*

- i. *Requiem*
- ii. *Kyrie*
- iii. *Sanctus-Benedictus*
- iv. *Agnus Dei*
- v. *In paradisum*

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## **ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

*J.S. Bach - Goldberg Variations (excerpts)*

*Beethoven (arr. Dempsey) - Largo con gran espressione  
(from Piano Sonata in E flat, op. 7)*

*J.S. Bach - Sarabande (from French Suite no. 5 in G major)*

## INTROIT

*All stand. The cantor sings*

**R**EQUIEM æternam dona eis, Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,  
et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem:  
exaudi orationem meam,  
ad te omnis caro veniet.  
Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
A hymn becomes you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall a vow be repaid in Jerusalem.  
Hear my prayer;  
to you shall all flesh come.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## THE GREETING

**I**N THE name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **T**HE Lord be with you  
and also with you.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*After words of welcome and introduction this prayer is said*

*All* **A**LMIGHTY God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

**G**OD so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to everlasting life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*Please kneel or sit.*

*All* **A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

*The cantor sings*

**K**YRIE eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison

*Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.*

**A**LMIGHTY God,  
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

Let us pray.

**E**TERNAL God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us with Lucian 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 61.1-3

*Read by Alison. At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*A recording is played, sung in 1964 by the Choir of St Michael's College, Tenbury, directed by Lucian. The treble soloist is Peter Brill.*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Words: Psalm 34.8*

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21.1-7

*Read by Andrew. At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Please stand.*

**P**RAISE to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel (Luke 24.13-35) is read. At the end the response is*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The sermon is given by the Very Reverend Keith Jones, former Dean of Exeter and of York.  
Please sit after the opening invocation.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please kneel or remain seated. The prayers are led by Geoff Maitland.  
The following responses are used*

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

*All* Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon him.**

*And at the end*

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

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*Please sit as the altar is prepared. A recording is played, sung in 1985 by Exeter Cathedral Choir, directed by Lucian.*

Locus iste a Deo factus est inestimabile sacramentum,  
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God an inestimable mystery;  
it is irreproachable.*

*Words: Gradual for the Dedication of a Church  
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)*



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**B**LESSED 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 Lucian, Jane and all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and singing:

*The cantor sings*

**S**ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Hosts;  
Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Please kneel or sit.*

**L**ORD, 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

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 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* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Joining our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **O**UR 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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*All* 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.**

*The cantor sings*

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

*Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, grant them rest,  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, grant them rest,  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.*

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

**J**ESUS is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

*All* **W**E DO NOT presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.

*Please move to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. If you are baptised and usually receive the Sacrament in your own church you are welcome to do so here.*

*During communion the organist plays O Oriens by Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)*

**O** ORIENS, splendor lucis aeternae,  
et sol justitiae:  
Veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris,  
et umbra mortis.

*O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal  
and sun of righteousness:  
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death.*

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*Please remain kneeling or seated.*

**M**OST gracious God,  
we thank you that in your great love  
you have fed us with 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 Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening  
into the house and gate of heaven  
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,  
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;  
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;  
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;  
no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity;  
in the habitations of your glory and dominion, world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

## COMMENDATION

*While the coffin is sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of the baptism by which Lucian was united with Christ, and then censed as a sign of the love and prayer of the whole company of heaven who accompany Lucian's journey to the Father, the cantor sings*

**I**N PARADISUM deducant te Angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Ierusalem. Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere æternam habeas requiem.

*May the angels receive thee in Paradise: at thy coming may the martyrs welcome thee and bring thee into the Holy City of Jerusalem. There may the choir of angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may thou have eternal rest.*

*Please stand.*

**G**O FORTH upon your journey from this world, O Christian soul,  
in the name of God the Father almighty, who created you;  
in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered death for you;  
in the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you;  
in communion with the blessed saints,  
and aided by angels and archangels,  
and all the company of the heavenly host.  
Go, go forth upon your journey  
and may your place this day be found in peace  
and your dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.

*All*     **Amen.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat (St Anne)

*J S Bach (1685-1750)*



*The family would like to record their thanks to Bridge Street Medical Centre, the Oncology Department at Addenbrooke's Hospital and to all at the Arthur Rank Hospice. If you wish to make donations to the hospice in memory of Lucian, please do so at: [www.arhc.org.uk/donate](http://www.arhc.org.uk/donate).*

*A memorial service for Lucian in Exeter Cathedral is being planned.*



