

Funeral Service for Phil Mullen



Phil Mullen

31 July 1941 – 23 October 2024

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church,
Clifton Gardens

Funeral Service for Phil Mullen
Thursday 31st October 2024
Officiated by Deacon Justin Faehrmann

Order of Service

Song

'Angel' by Sarah McLachlan

Visual Tribute

Eulogy

*Robert Heathcote
Andrew Pridham*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Dcn. Justin

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All:

And with your Spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

In the waters of Baptism Phil died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him in eternal glory.

Invitation to Prayer

My brothers and sisters, we have come together to renew our trust in Christ who, by dying on the Cross, has freed us from eternal death and, by rising, has opened for us the gates of heaven. Let us pray for our brother that he may share in Christ's victory, and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the gift of his loving consolation.

Opening Prayer

O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Phil, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1–9

Read by Sam Heathcote

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: 1–3,4,5,6

Read by Danielle Gluskie

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

He refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake. **R.**

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and staff

That give me courage. **R.**

You spread the table before me

In the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows. **R.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me

All the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

For years to come. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to the childlike

the mysteries of the Kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 11:28–30

Den. Justin:

The Lord be with you.

All:

And with your Spirit.

Dcn. Justin: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

“Come to me all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give your rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Dcn. Justin: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to your Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *Deacon Justin Faehrmann*

Prayers of the Faithful

Dcn. Justin: Let us in faith call upon God the almighty Father, who raised Christ his Son from the dead, as we pray for the salvation of the living and the dead.

Grace Pridham For Phil, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the Saints. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Abby Scanlon For our brother who ate the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life, that he may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Elle Mullen For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dana Mullen

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Sophia Gluskie

For the family and friends of our brother Phil, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Christina Gluskie

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom.
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn. Justin:

May the prayer of those who cry to you benefit the souls of your servants, O Lord: free them, we pray, from all their sins and make them sharers in your redemption.

The Lord's Prayer

Dcn. Justin:

With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father:

All:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by the 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.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Phil and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Phil again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his Kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Song of Farewell

Dcn. Justin: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him,
Angels of the Lord!

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most
High.

Dcn. Justin: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may
Angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most
High.

Dcn. Justin: Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon him.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most
High.

Prayer of Commendation

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Phil in the sure
and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with
him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of
paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with
assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our
brother for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

In the sure hope of the resurrection, we take leave of our brother: let us go in
peace.

Recessional Song *‘Time to Say Goodbye’ by Andrea Bocelli*

Pall Bearers

Robert Martin

Ross Mullen

Jake Mullen

Josh Noonan

Tony Lockett

Paul Kelly

Thank you for being with us today and
for your love, comfort and support.



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