



BEN EATON

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OUR DEAR BEN

Hello all and thank you for being here today from wherever you are joining us.

Thank you especially to those who have traveled far to be with us. It would have and I am sure does bring him immense happiness to have us all gathered together. Today is a day of incredible sadness but one that is also edged with joy at everything that Ben was and is. So as we remember and mourn him let us also together fill today with his humour and passion, his love of stories and music, of spirituality and laughter as well as wine and food. This service will be a reflection of the central role that faith and family played in his life.

The last message from him on my phone reads 'Thank god you guys all love me' and that has never been more true than today.

SYMBOLIC OBJECTS

The priest places Ben's bible, cross, stole and chalice onto the coffin, symbols of his priestly life.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

FR. SIMON CUTMORE
& FR. ALEX CRAWFORD

As requested by Ben, his friend and colleague of over 20 years will lead today's service alongside Fr. Alex Crawford of St Margaret's.

HYMN

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to
shore, till moons shall wax and wane no
more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their
early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

SHARING BEN'S STORY

FR. SIMON CUTMORE

1937	Born, North Carolina
1956	Military service US Marines
1959	Afghanistan & then American University of Beirut
1963	New York General Seminary, Puerto Rico
1966	Deaconed Priest in Guaya Quil
1967	Priested in Church of the Ascension, Guaya Quil
1969	Curate St Anne's Church Wandsworth, London
1970	Married Anne Elizabeth Todd
1974	Team Vicar at Littleham Paris Church, Exmouth
1979	Rector at Alphington Paris Church, Exeter
1982	Birth of his Son Benjamin Alexander Eaton
1984	Chaplain St Georges, Barcelona
1988	Chaplain Holy Trinity, Maisons-Laffitte
2002	Chaplain St Johns Church, St Raphael
2013	Return to family in the UK

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

PRIEST As children of a loving heavenly Father,
let us ask his forgiveness, for he is gentle
and full of compassion.

(Silence is kept)

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy

PRIEST You bring pardon and peace to the
broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy

PRIEST You make one by your Spirit the torn and
divided: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy

PRIEST May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his
kingdom, where dust and ashes have no
dominion.

ALL: Amen.

THE COLLECT PRAYER

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us with Ben 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.





THE READING

PSALM 139

READ BY VICTORIA EATON

01 O Lord, you have searched me out
and know me: You know when I sit
or when I stand; You comprehend
my thoughts long before.

02 You discern my path and the
places where I rest: You are
acquainted with all my ways.

03 For there is not a word on my
tongue: But you Lord know it
altogether.

04 You have encompassed me behind
and before: And laid your hands
upon me.

05 Such knowledge is too wonderful
for me: So high that I cannot
endure it.

06 Where shall I go from your spirit:
Or where shall I flee from your
presence?

07 If I ascend into heaven, you are
there: If I make my bed in the
grave, you are there also.

08 If I spread out my wings towards
the morning: Or dwell in the
uttermost parts of the sea,

09 Even there your hand shall lead
me: And your right hand shall hold
me.

10 If I say 'Surely the darkness
will cover me: And the night will
enclose me'.

11 The darkness is no darkness with
you, But the night is as clear as
the day: The darkness and the
light are both alike.

12 How deep are your thoughts to
me, O God: And how great is the
sum of them!

13 Were I to count them, They are
more in number than grains of
sand:

14 And were I to come to the end, I
would still be with you.

HYMN

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:6

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

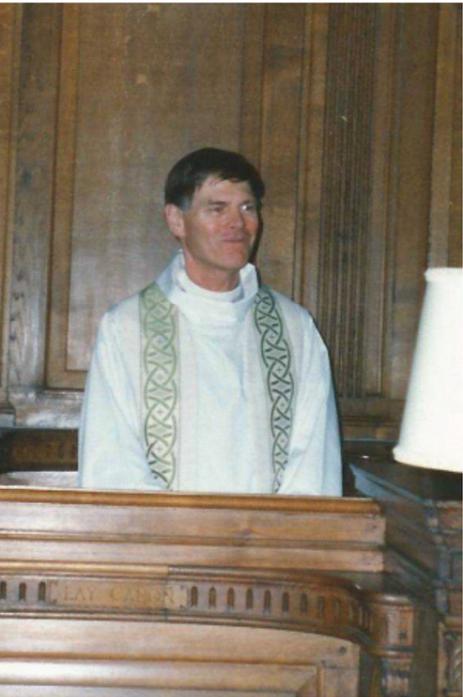
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to St John
Glory to you O Lord
Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ!

SHARING BEN'S STORY
PRIEST AND MAN OF FAITH
FR. SIMON CUTMORE

SHARING BEN'S STORY



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Ben being made Canon of Malta Cathedral in 1996.

Ben, Benjie, Anne and Brannock on their terrace in Barcelona.

Anne and Ben on their wedding day at St Anne's in Wandsworth, London.

THE PRAYERS

THE PEACE

PRIEST

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

May all who are called to a place at your table, follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 him thanks and praise

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

... for e-ver and e-ver.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

PRIEST

Behold 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Lord.

COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

PRIEST

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

Ben, go forth upon your journey from this world, 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 armies of the heavenly host. May your portion this day be in peace, and your dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.

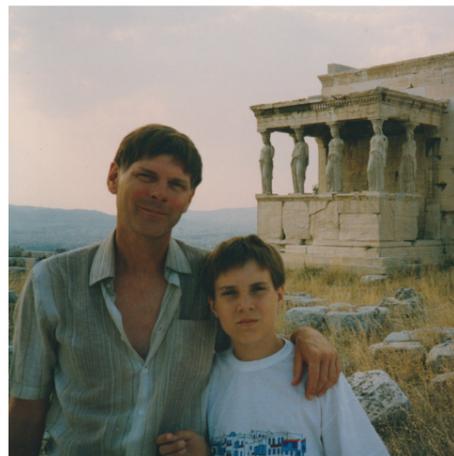
**The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine
upon you, To shine upon you and be
gracious, and be gracious unto you.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine
upon you, To shine upon you and be
gracious, and be gracious unto you...**

THE DISMISSAL



SHARING BEN'S STORY WRITTEN AND READ BY SON BEN EATON



HYMN

THINE BE THE GLORY

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph
sing, For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its
sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy
deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan to
thy home above:



DETAILS

CROSS ON THE HILL

This illustration is taken from one of Ben's favourite wooden crosses, laid on his coffin today.

SCRIPT ANNOTATIONS

Handwriting taken from some of Ben's prayers and books.

READINGS & HYMNS

These were Ben's favourites.

FLOWERS

MIMOSA

Blooms in the South of France

Meanings:

Conscious life
To expand your life

EUCALYPTUS

Grows in the South of France

Smell:

Forest mints, honey and citrus.



He who kisses the joy
as it flies lives in eternity's sunrise