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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Robert Harry Hulls

3rd October 1941 - 29th December 2020

The Parish Church of St Laurence  
Long Eaton

Tuesday 12th January 2021  
at 2.00 pm

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# Order of Service

*Please remember to turn off all telephones and electrical devices before the Mass begins, as we keep a time of quiet reflection and prayer.*

*In our funeral liturgy today we join together to remember the mercy of God and commend Bob to his love. As Christians we call to mind the death of Jesus Christ and we pray that as Bob in his dying shares in Christ's death, so in Christ he will also share in the new life of the Resurrection.*

*Unfortunately the current restrictions insist on the wearing of face coverings, forbid singing and demand social distancing, but do please join in with the responses in **bold type**.*

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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand and face the church door as the presiding priest  
and other ministers greets the cortège.*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And with your spirit.**

*He now sprinkles Bob's coffin with holy water, a sign of baptism  
and of the everlasting life in Christ it offers.*

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

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*The coffin is now carried forward in procession, preceded by the priest.  
It is brought to the place reserved for it before the altar, where it stands  
close to the Easter candle, a sign of Christ with us, our hope and the  
Light of the World, as the priest recites:*

## The Opening Sentences

*A Bible and a cross, which remind us of key aspects of the Christian faith  
and life, are placed on the coffin by two friends or family members.*

*As the Bible is placed upon the coffin  
In life Bob cherished the Gospel of Christ.  
May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life:  
Come, blessed of my Father.*

*As the Cross is placed upon the coffin  
In baptism Bob received the sign of the cross.  
May he now share  
in Christ's victory over sin and death.*

*The priest introduces the celebration and then invites  
the faithful to call to mind their sins.*

*Brothers and sisters,  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.*

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Lord Jesus,  
you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You open for your people the way from death into life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*The priest invites the assembly to pray to God for Bob and a short time  
of silent prayer follows after which he prays the Collect, uniting  
the prayer of all present in a single prayer.*

## The Collect

O God, who has set a limit to this present life,  
so as to open up an entry into eternity,  
we humbly beseech you,  
that by the grace of your mercy  
you may command the name of your servant Bob  
to be inscribed in the book of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

*Please sit*

Romans, Chapter 8: verses 35 and 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Church in Rome.

Can anything separate us from the love of Christ - can hardship or distress,  
or persecution, or lack of food or clothing, or danger or the sword?  
No, through him who loved us we are more than conquerors in all these things.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor  
rulers, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any  
power, nor height nor depths, nor any created thing will be able to  
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Alleluia.**

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## The Holy Gospel

John, Chapter 6: verses 53-58

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, 'Amen, Amen I say to you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise that person on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me and I dwell in that person. As the living Father sent me and I live through the Father, so whoever eats me will also live through me. This is the bread which came down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate and died. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit as Father Giles Orton delivers*

## The Homily

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## The Prayer of the Faithful

*Please stand*

*This prayer unites those present in prayer for Bob, for Jennifer and those who mourn, for the Church and for the world. The presiding priest begins by inviting us to offer our prayer to God the Father. After each intention there is a moment of silence while we pray, and then there is the response,*

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*The presiding priest concludes with a prayer.*

## The Offertory Hymn

**Thine Be The Glory (120)**

*This will be sung by a solo singer; please pray the words to yourself.*

*The priest addresses the assembly and then says the Prayer over the Offerings.*

Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Be near, O Lord, we pray, to your servant Bob  
on whose funeral day we offer you this sacrifice of conciliation,  
so that, should any stain of sin have clung to him  
or any human fault have affected him,  
it may, by your loving gift, be forgiven and wiped away.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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## THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*The presiding priest invites the people to Holy Communion*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Baptised and communicant members of any Christian denomination  
are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you would prefer to receive a  
blessing please carry this booklet with you. Please follow the directions given  
by the priest with regard to receiving Holy Communion or a blessing.*

The body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

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## The Final Commendation

*The priest now moves to a place near the coffin for the final commendation. He invites all present to prepare to take their leave of Bob, inviting them to pray to God and to find consolation in His love. All then pray in silence before the priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water and incenses it, during which the Song of Farewell is sung by a soloist.*

**I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and on that final day of days,  
his voice shall bid me rise again:  
unending joy, unceasing praise!**

**This hope I cherish in my heart:  
to stand on earth, my flesh restored,  
and, not a stranger but a friend,  
behold my Saviour and my Lord.**

*Tune: Rockingham*

Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
we commend our brother Bob,  
in the sure and certain hope  
that, together with all who have died in Christ,  
he will rise with him on the last day.  
We give you thanks for the blessings  
which you bestowed upon Bob in this life:  
they are signs to us of your goodness  
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

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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 our brother for ever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Procession to the Place of Committal

In peace let us take Bob to his place of rest.

*The symbols of the Christian life are now removed, and the priest and assisting ministers precede the coffin; the family and other mourners follow as the remaining verses of the Song of Farewell are sung by a soloist:*

**May saints and angels lead you on,  
escorting you where Christ has gone.  
Now he has called you, come to him  
who sits above the seraphim.**

**Come to the peace of Abraham  
and to the supper of the Lamb:  
come to the glory of the blessed,  
and to perpetual light and rest.**

*Tune: Rockingham*

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*The presiding priest and other ministers lead the coffin to  
the church door, where Father Giles Orton conducts*

## The Committal

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we entrust to Almighty God our brother Bob;  
and we commit his body to the elements from which it came:  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him,  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace.

**Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:  
**And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**And rise in glory. Amen.**

*The cortège now departs for the crematorium.*

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