

MEMORIAL SERVICE

MICHAEL ROBERT (TAFFY) JONES AM PSM

5 December 1938 – 30 December 2023

Tuesday 16 January 2024
Trinity College Chapel, Parkville



The Reverend Fr Stuart Soley (Parish Priest, Saint Bartholomew's Church, Burnley)

The Reverend Dr Luke Hopkins (Chaplain, Trinity College)

Choir of Past and Present Trinity College Choral Scholars

Organist: Michael Fulcher (Trinity College Director of Music 1994-1997)

Conductor: Michael Leighton Jones (Trinity College Director of Music 1997-2014)

THE GATHERING

The congregation gathers. We stand when the bell is rung.

In the Name of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

*After the opening prayer to which we reply: **Amen.***

HYMN – ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

WORDS: Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847
TUNE: EVENTIDE, William Henry Monk 1823-1889

THE READINGS

We sit for the readings

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1-7

Read by Bishop John Noble

PSALM 121

The Choir sings the psalm to the setting by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

SECOND READING

John 14:1-7

Read by Mr Scott Charles

THE EULOGY

The Eulogy is delivered by Sally Hicks

THE ANTHEM

The Choir sings the anthem, 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace' by

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

THE PRAYERS

The prayers are read, ending with the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

THE COMMENDATION

Then follows the commendation and farewell.

HYMN - THE DAY YOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED

The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

Across each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
our friends beneath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord: your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

WORDS: John Ellerton 1826-1893 *alt.*
TUNE: ST CLEMENT, Clement Cotterill Scholefield, 1839-1904
Last verse descant: Michael Leighton Jones b.1947

PICTORIAL TRIBUTE

*A slide show of some photos of Taffy's life is shown
accompanied by music played by the Organist.*

FINAL PRAYERS AND THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Eternal rest grant unto Taffy, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.
Amen.

May Taffy's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

*We pray for God's blessing and respond: **Amen.***