ENTRANCE HYMN "Here I Am Lord"

GREETING & WELCOME Fr Thomas

Fr: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

SYMBOLS OF FAITH

LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

PLACING OF THE WHITE PALL

PLACING OF PERSONAL SYMBOLS

OPENING PRAYER

Fr: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant George, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING Matthew Ereira

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Whoever believes in me shall not die forever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6

There are many rooms in my Father house.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: We are gathered here in faith, hope and love drawn together by George's life. Let us pray for George and his family and friends.

Ryan Eriera:
We pray for George. May God receive him kindly with generosity and forgiveness, and the rewards of his faith. May he continue to inspire us, to intercede for us, and be there at the end to welcome us, in out turn into eternal life. Lord hear us. **(R)**

Carmen Grima:
For all those suffering from ill health, pain, or the burden of grief, that they may feel the healing presence and strength of God. Lord hear us. **(R)**

Patricia Sequeira:
We pray for those who care for the sick and housebound. We give thanks for the skills and the commitment of doctors, nurses and carers. May they continue to reflect the compassion and healing of God, who is made known to us. Lord hear us. **(R)**

Rosemary Magro:
Lord, we pray for all those who are present today who took the time to come to farewell George. Remember too those who are no longer with us. May they all rest in peace. Lord hear us. **(R)**

Fr: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for George and all our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY PROCESSION — Courtney Nicholson, Caleb Nicholson, Matthew Ereira, Ryan Ereira

OFFERTORY HYMN — "One Bread, One Body"

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

THE OUR FATHER

All: **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All: **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.

COMMUNION HYMN — "Ave Maria"

REFLECTION HYMN "Amazing Grace"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr: Grant, we pray almighty God, that your servant George, who has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Fr: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Song of Farewell

Fr: Saints of God, come to George's aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!
All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr: 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.

Fr: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

The Coffin is Sprinkled and Incensed

Prayer of Commendation

Fr: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother George 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 George in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Procession to the Place of Committal

Fr: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

Recessional Hymn "You Raise Me Up"



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