

SAINT JOHN'S  FINCH STREET

A Funeral Service

in thanksgiving for the life of



NICHOLAS FREDERICK OWEN LUNN

16th May 1980 – 11th August 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021, 1pm

Epitaph On A Friend

An honest man here lies at rest,
The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, and guide of youth:
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd;
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.

Robert Burns

The congregation stand as the bell is rung. As the ministers enter the organist, Yi-Shuen Chan, plays 'Largo' from Xerxes by G. F. Handel

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

✠ In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Words of welcome and introduction by the Vicar, the Reverend Dr Alexander Ross

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'

John 11.25

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, we remember before you
this day your servant Nick.
We thank you for giving him to us to know and love
as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.

Preserve among us the good of his example.
In your compassion, console those who mourn,
and bring Nick into the fellowship and inheritance of your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

**1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

2. Praise to the Lord
who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

*Joachim Neander 1650-80
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others*

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EULOGIES

*Edwina Lunn
Charles Lunn
Thomas Lunn*

POEM

‘The Dash’ by Linda Ellis

Chosen and read by Andrew Facey

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION AND CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

*All are invited to come forward to light a candle
in remembrance of Nick’s life as the pianist, Yi-Shuen Chan, plays*

‘Claire de Lune’ by Claude Debussy

READINGS

‘If ever there is a time...’

attributed to A.A. Milne

Read by Harry Lunn

If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together...
there is something you must always remember.
You are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.
But the most important thing is,
even if we're apart...
I'll always be with you.

A reading from Psalm 139

[1-11]

Read by Julia Lunn

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
 You know when I sit or when I stand,
 you comprehend my thoughts long before
You discern my path and the places where I rest:
 You are acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word on my tongue:
 But you, Lord, know it altogether.
You have encompassed me behind and before:
 And have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
 So high that I cannot endure it.
Where shall I go from your spirit:
 Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend into heaven you are there:
 If I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
 Or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me:
 And your right hand shall hold me.
If I saw ‘Surely the darkness will cover me:
 And the night will enclose me.’
The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day:
 The darkness and the light are both alike.

Read by Claire Lunn

Jesus said to his friends, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.

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 you will be where I am.”

HOMILY

The Reverend John Baldock

PRAYERS

The prayers are led by Father John, and conclude with the Lord’s Prayer, said by all

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

IMAGES AND MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

‘Places and Spaces’ by Donald Byrd

FAREWELL & COMMENDATION

Let us entrust our brother Nick to the mercy of God.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our brother Nick
by water and the Spirit.

Grant that his death may recall to us
your victory over death,
and be an occasion for us
to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow
where you have led the way,
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

*The coffin is sprinkled with holy water
signifying Nick's baptism into Christ's death and resurrection*

'O Rest in the Lord' from Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn
sung by Choral Scholar Alexandra Amerides

*Incense is used to honour Nick's mortal body
and to symbolise the rising of our prayers*

Holy and loving Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus. We entrust Nick to your merciful keeping: in the faith of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to save us, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Please follow the coffin as it is carried from the church while Yi-Shuen Chan plays 'Air' from the
Water Music Suite by G. F. Handel*

THE COMMITTAL

Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.
In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the body
of our dear brother Nick to be cremated,
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
and who shall change our mortal body
that it may be like his glorious body.
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Yi-Shuen Chan plays 'Overture' from Music for Royal Fireworks Suite by G. F. Handel

The family wish to thank everyone for their love and support and to those who have contributed to this service: Fr Alex and Fr John, Yi-Shuen Chan, Alexandra Amerides, and Ian Allison and Ghislaine Powell at Botanical Funerals.

Refreshments will be served in the Church after the service as a contribution from the many members of the Saint John's Finch Street community who would otherwise be here today.

When restrictions are lifted, we will gather with friends and family in celebration – the kind of party Nick would bring together!

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