

Requiem Mass  
For  
Leonard Ernest Scott



12 November 1913 –  
19 March 2012

*At All Saints' Church, Oxted*

## Introductory Rites

### Greeting at the Church door

**Priest:** May the God of hope give you the fullness of peace and may the Lord of life be always with you.

**People:** And with your spirit

*As the coffin enters the church, the organist will play Finlandia by Sibelius - Len's favourite composer. (He was a founder member of the Sibelius Society.)*

## Placing of the Christian Symbols

### Sprinkling of the Coffin with Holy Water.

#### Placing of the Pall:

At Baptism all Christians are clothed in a white garment immediately after they have been christened, the words used are these: "Take this white garment and see that you carry it without stain before the Judgement seat of our Lord Jesus Christ". A white pall is now draped over the coffin, reminding us of this rich symbolism.

#### Bible:

In life Len cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life: "Come, blessed of my Father!"

#### Cross:

In Baptism Len received the sign of the cross. May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

## Welcome

*We now sing the first hymn:*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

*Refrain*

And when I think that God his son not sparing,  
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

*Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

*Refrain*

*(Carl Boberg (1850-1940) Tr. Stuart K. Hine)*

## **Penitential Rite**

**People:** I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

## **Collect**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading: Lamentations (3:17-26) read by Mark Titmus**

At the end of the Reading

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23**

Refrain:

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*(Marty Haugen)*

**Reading: Philippians (3:20–21) read by Rosemary Muntus**

At the end of the reading:

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## **Gospel Acclamation: (said by all)**

**It is my Father's will says the Lord,  
That whoever believes in the Son  
Shall have eternal life  
And that I shall raise him up on the last day**

## **Gospel: John 1:1-14**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And with your spirit

**Priest :** A reading from the Gospel according to John

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord

At the end of the Gospel

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## **Homily**

### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God  
the Father almighty  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and our salvation  
he came down from heaven  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church,  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Prayer of the Faithful

After each intention we pause and pray then:

**Priest:** Lord in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer

## Offertory

While the Altar is prepared Rosemary and Allan will sing *Dejlig er Jorden* in Danish and in English (Allan's own translation). It is a pilgrim song often chosen for Danish funerals, and last sung here in All Saints at the Requiem Mass for Len's Danish wife Minna in 1999.

**Priest:** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father

**People:** 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.

## Prayer over the Offerings:

*The priest says this prayer, which is different for each Mass. At the end, the people say in response:*

**All: Amen.**

## Preface Dialogue:

**Priest:** The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**

## Sanctus:

**All: 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.**

## Memorial Acclamation:

**Priest:** The mystery of faith:

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

## Doxology and Great Amen:

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## Rite of Communion

*All Stand:*

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

**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.**

**Priest:** 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 coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

**Priest:** 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 grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who lives and reign for ever and ever

**People: Amen**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always

**People: And with your spirit.**

*A sign of peace is exchanged – usually a handshake*

**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:**

**Priest:** 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.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

The Priest now receives Holy Communion. He then gives Holy Communion to the faithful. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate by bowing your head and folding your arms across your breast.

During Communion this Taizé chant will be sung – please join in if you wish to:

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten  
God alone fills us.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

### **Eulogy - Allan Scott**

### **Song of Farewell**

While the coffin is censed, we sing:

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you.  
May they speed you to Paradise.  
May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.  
May you find eternal life.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
It is he who protects me from harm.  
The Lord is the strength of my days;  
Before whom should I tremble with fear?

*Refrain*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord;  
That He grant me my heartfelt desire.  
To dwell in the courts of our God  
Every day of my life in His presence.

*Refrain*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
I shall dwell in the land of the living  
Hope in God, stand firm and take heart,  
Place all your trust in the Lord.

*Refrain*

*(Ernest Sands)*

## Prayer of Commendation

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

Merciful Lord turn towards 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 forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Priest:** Now let us take Len to his place of rest.

*As the coffin leaves the church the organist will play a piece from Satie's Gymnopedies - perhaps the music Len himself would have chosen.*

### An invitation

You are warmly invited to join us as we continue this celebration of Len's life at the URC Church Hall at 21 Bluehouse Lane, just down the road from All Saints.

Family and close friends will be attending Len's interment at St Agatha's Churchyard in Woldingham, but will join you on their return.

In the last years of his life Len was afflicted with macular degeneration, which left him with little more than peripheral vision. He accepted this deprivation without complaint, and with the active help of the RNIB discovered devices - and new friends - that enhanced his life and helped him to make up for what he had lost.

If you would care to give a donation to the RNIB in Len's memory please do use the basket in the porch, or send your donation to the undertakers who will forward it for you.

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*Len wrote these words on the death of  
his wife Minna in 1999.*

## **Meetings**

Sixty-four years ago I was walking in the Italian Alps. I was heading west. In a mountain-hut I met Minna, a Dane, who was travelling east.

A month later, in London, we decided to travel in the same direction for the rest of our lives.

Minna was my wife, but more than a wife. She was my comrade and my friend.

In the years which followed, we walked in many lands. Often Minna would outpace me, and I would find her waiting, smiling, around the next bend in the path.

Once again Minna has outpaced me. But of this I am certain: there will come a bend in the path – and when I reach it, I will find Minna waiting, and smiling.

