

**ST. JAMES
READING
4TH DECEMBER 2020**

**REQUIEM MASS
AND
RITE OF COMMITTAL**



JAMES FRANCIS TOWEY

28/07/1931 - 16/11/2020

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Introductory Rites

“The Parting Glass” (sung by Eve Niker and accompanied by Marsailidh Groat)

Entrance Procession

Greeting

Opening Prayer

“My ol’ man with the big soft hands” – a poem by Eve Niker

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: James 2: 14—24

Response: ‘The Lord’s my shepherd’

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 43—49

Homily

Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Communion Rite

“The Faughan Side” (sung by Eve Niker and accompanied by Marsailidh Groat)

Eulogy

Final Commendation

The commendation is the final farewell of the Christian community, an act of respect for one of their members, whom they entrust to the tender and merciful embrace of God. The priest invites us to enter into this time of farewell with a short period of silence. Each of us, in our own way, remembers and prays for James.

Invitation to prayer

Silence

Signs of farewell

James's coffin is sprinkled with holy water as a sign that through baptism he is marked for eternal life.

The Song of Farewell

The Song of farewell affirms our hope and trust in the saving work of Christ.

Celebrant:

Saints of God come to our aid.

Come to comfort us angels of the Lord.

All: **Receive his soul**

and present him to God the Most High.

C: May Christ who called you, take you to himself;
may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All: **Receive his soul**

and present him to God the Most High.

C: Enfold James in your love O Lord and may
your light shine through her forever.

**All: Receive his soul
and present him to God the Most High.**

Prayer of Commendation

Celebrant:

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother James 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 James in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

All continue:

**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 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

Celebrant:

May God be with us today as we make this final journey with James to his place of rest.

"Danny Boy" (played by Marsailidh Groat)

RITE OF COMMITTAL HENLEY ROAD CEMETERY

Invitation

Our brother James has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers.

We read in Sacred Scripture:

"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world".

Prayer over the Place of Committal

Celebrant

O God, By whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, Bless this grave, and send your holy angel to watch over it. As we bury here the body of James, deliver his soul from every bond of sin, that united with Ann, also buried here, and all the faithful departed, he may rejoice forever in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Committal

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal

life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to
Almighty God our brother James and we commit his
body to its resting place:

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 to him
the Lord lift up his countenance upon him
and give him peace.

Intercessions

Celebrant:

For our brother, James, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ,
who said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever
believes in me shall live and whoever lives and believes in me
shall never die.'

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw
near to us who mourn for James, and dry the tears of those
who weep.

Lord, in your mercy. . . **Hear our prayer.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend;
comfort us in our sorrow.

Lord, in your mercy. . . **Hear our prayer.**

You raised the dead to life;

give James eternal life in the joy of heaven.
Lord, in your mercy. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Our brother James was washed in Baptism and anointed with
the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.
Lord, in your mercy. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort us in our sorrow;
let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope.
Lord, in your mercy. . . **Hear our prayer.**

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. Amen.

Celebrant:

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

R/. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

R/. AMEN

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

R/. AMEN.

All:

Loving God, from whom all life comes and by whose hand the dead are raised again, though we are sinners, you always wish to hear us. Listen to the prayers of your Church and grant to your servant James, whose Funeral we have celebrated today, the inheritance promised to all your saints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

Celebrant:

May Almighty God bless you all, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

As we go our separate ways, let us do so in the peaceful presence of Christ among us.

R/. Thanks be to God.