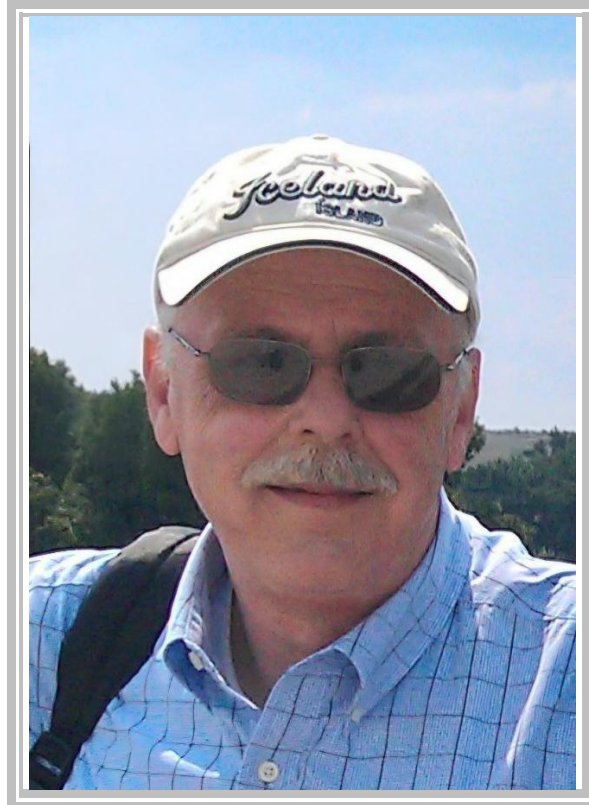


# **The Church of St Laurence, Upminster**



## **Requiem Mass for Charles Peter Osmond**

6<sup>th</sup> June 1951 – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025

18<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
1.30pm



# THE GATHERING

Opening Music: *My Shepherd will supply my need*

Opening Sentences

## Introduction

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

We have come here today  
to remember before God our brother Charles Peter Osmond;  
to give thanks for his life;  
to commend him to God our merciful redeemer and judge;  
to commit his body to be cremated,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

*Further words of welcome are said.*

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God,  
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice  
and love everything you have made.  
In your mercy, turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,  
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

## Prayers of Penitence

As children of a loving heavenly Father,  
let us ask his forgiveness,  
for he is gentle and full of compassion.

*Silence is kept.*

**God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and  
done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Absolution*

May God our Father forgive you your sins  
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.  
**Amen.**

**Gloria**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.***

Glory to God in the highest:  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King:  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks:  
we praise you for your glory.  
*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father:  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.*

For you alone are the Holy One:  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.*

## **The Collect**

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us;  
renew our trust in your Son,  
whom you raised from the dead;  
strengthen our faith  
that all who have died in the love of Christ  
will share in his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*(Please sit)*

**Old Testament Reading**    Isaiah 25.6-9, read by Mark, *nephew*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad, and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 2.22-32, read by Caroline, *niece*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please sit)*

**Eulogy**

Given by Yvonne Osmond

**Address and Prayers**

The Revd Susannah Brasier

*This response is used during the prayers*

Lord in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers, this prayer is said by all:*

**Support us, O Lord,  
all the day long of this troublous life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.  
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,  
a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace** *(Please stand)*

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.  
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace with their neighbours.*

### **Hymn**

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*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.



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.

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.

### **Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**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 Church.**

May all who are called to a place at your table  
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

**Amen**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.  
By his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil  
and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead  
you have given us new birth into a living hope,  
into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,  
and so we join with angels and archangels,  
with Charles and all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**  
**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Laurence and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*(Please sit)*

*You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople. If you have been admitted to Holy Communion in any church you are welcome to share in the sacrament today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring your service sheet with you.*

### **Anthem**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You - John Rutter (based on Numbers 6.24-26)*

## **Prayer after Communion** *(Please stand)*

Gracious God,  
we thank you that in your great love  
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ  
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet:  
grant that this sacrament may be to us  
a comfort in affliction  
and a pledge of our inheritance  
in that kingdom where there is no death,  
neither sorrow nor crying,  
but fullness of joy with all your saints;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

**Heavenly Father,**  
**in your Son Jesus Christ**  
**you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.**  
**Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,**  
**that we may live as those who believe in**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins**  
**and the resurrection to eternal life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant land.

## COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Let us commend Charles to the mercy of God,  
our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

*The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water.*

Charles, go forth upon your journey from this world,  
in the love of God the Father who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.  
May the heavenly host sustain you,  
and the company of heaven enfold you.  
In communion with all the faithful  
may you dwell this day in peace.

**Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God give you  
his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**Recessional Music:** *The Lord's my Shepherd* – Stuart Townend

*Please follow Charles' family as they accompany the coffin to the gate.*



*“All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well”  
Julian of Norwich*

*Charles` family would like to thank you all for attending today`s service and for  
your kind thoughts and support at this time.*

*The family would be delighted if you would join them for refreshments at the house:-*

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