

Prayer of Commendation and Farewell

Rest eternal, grant unto him, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon him

May he rest in peace
And rise in glory. Amen.

In peace, let us take Martin to his place of rest.

Exit Music:

I'll be seeing you - Billie Holiday

I'll be seeing you
In all the old familiar places
That this heart of mine embraces
All day through

In that small cafe
The park across the way
The children's carousel
The chestnut trees
The wishing well

I'll be seeing you
In every lovely summer's day
In everything that's light and gay
I'll always think of you that way

I'll find you in the morning sun
And when the night is new
I'll be looking at the moon
But I'll be seeing you

**A family cremation follows.
All are welcome to stay in church for refreshments
and the family will join you after the committal.**

Food will be served by St. Laurence's Taste Cafe

Donations in memory of Martin to St. Laurence's Church

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**The family would like to thank you for attending
today and for all your prayers, love and support.
Also for the many cards, messages and memories.**

A Service to Celebrate the life of **Rev. Martin Wray** 21st July 1946 – 23rd April 2024



Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.
All things pass away. God never changes.

St. Teresa of Avila

**Thursday 9th May 2024 at 2pm
St. Laurence's Church, Chorley
Officiant: Canon Neil Kelley**

Entrance Music

Allegrì Miserere – Tallis Scholars

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Fr. Neil Kelley

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

The grace and peace of God our Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn – The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Family Tribute - Read by Rev. Christine Jones

Reading of St. Teresa of Avila - Rev. Dr. John Cree

May the grace of the Holy Spirit be with you and give you the comfort you need in so great a loss as this seems to us now. But the Lord, Whose doing it is, and Who loves us more than we love our selves, will show us in His own time that it was the greatest blessing that He could have bestowed upon my loved one and all those of us who wish him well; for He always takes souls when it is best for them.

You must not think of life as very long, for anything is short that comes to an end so quickly. Reflect that it is only for a moment that you will be left alone, and put everything into God's hands, for His Majesty will do what is best. It is the greatest comfort to witness a death which affords us the complete certainty that the departed one will live for ever. And you must believe that, if the Lord has taken him, he will help you and your children all the better now that he is in the presence of God.

Bible Reading Romans 8

Martin's Ministry - Rev. Roger Stubbings & Fr. Matt Blake OCD

Homily - Fr. Neil Kelley

Hymn – Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Prayers

The Prayers conclude with 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn - Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

