

Brother Colin Wilfred SSF
Reception of the coffin at St Peter's Church, Canterbury
Wednesday, 10 August, 2011 at 4pm

Receiving the Coffin

At the door of the church

We receive the body of our brother Colin Wilfred
with confidence in God, the giver of life,
who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead.

*While the coffin is brought into the church, appropriate sentences of
Scripture are read (Common Worship Pastoral Services, p. 243)*

When the coffin is in place:

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son you destroyed the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
As we remember before you our brother Colin,
we ask your help for all who shall gather in his memory.
Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace,
by the Spirit you have given us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A Bible is placed on the coffin with these words:

Lord Jesus Christ,
your living and imperishable word brings us to new birth.
Your eternal promises to us and to Colin are proclaimed in the Bible.

A cross is placed on the coffin with these words:

Lord Jesus Christ,
for love of Colin and each one of us
you bore our sins on the cross.

A three-knotted rope is placed on the coffin with these words:

Through his profession of poverty, chastity and obedience,
Colin was bound to his Lord Jesus in loving service.

A stole is placed on the coffin with these words:

Colin stood among us as priest,
proclaiming God's blessing and forgiveness.

Readings and Prayers

Heavenly Father,
you have not made us for darkness and death,
but for life with you for ever.

Without you we have nothing to hope for;
with you we have nothing to fear.

Speak to us now your words of eternal life.

Lift us from anxiety and guilt
to the light and peace of your presence,
and set the glory of your love before us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed, *
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say: *
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, *
which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; *
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
our years come to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if our strength endures, even four score; *
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they soon pass away and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath *
and your indignation like those who fear you?
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? *
Have compassion on your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning, *
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, *
and for the years in which we have seen adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works, *
and let your glory be over their children.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.
- Almighty God,
our eternal refuge,
teach us to live with the knowledge of our death
and to rejoice in the promise of your glory,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture reading – Romans 8. 31-end

Almighty God,
you love everything you have made
and judge us with infinite mercy and justice.
We rejoice in your promises of pardon, joy and peace
to all those who love you.
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,
who died, who rose again, and lives for evermore.
Amen.

Ending

Colin Wilfred has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.
As we leave his body here, we entrust him,
with faith and hope in everlasting life,
to the love and mercy of our Father
and surround him with our love and prayer.
In baptism, he was made by adoption a child of God.
At the eucharist he was sustained and fed.
God now welcomes him to his table in heaven
to share in eternal life with all the saints.

God of all consolation,
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Look with compassion on your children in their loss;
give to troubled hearts the light of hope
and strengthen in us the gift of faith,
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.

To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.