

REQUIEM MASS
FOR
JAMES (SEAMUS) AIDAN BRENNAN cfc



Born 1921 Gorey Co. Wexford—
Died 2015 Nazareth House Birkenhead

ENTRANCE HYMN

God's spirit is in my heart.
He has called me AND SET ME
APART.

This is what I have to do,
What I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners
that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see
And set the downtrodden free,
And go tell ev'ryone
The news that God's kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,
So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world
The whole of the world.

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that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see
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PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: Colossians (1:15-20)

Theme: Christ is the Head of all creation

He is the image of the unseen God,
the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth,
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones Dominations Sovereignities and Powers;
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created he existed
And he holds all things in unity.
He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in all things he himself might be pre-eminent.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 8

Response: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

O Lord, our Lord,

how glorious is your name over all the earth!

What is man that you should be mindful of him,

Or the son of man that you should care for him.

Response

You have made him little less than the angels,
and crowned him with glory and honour.
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,
putting all things under his feet.

Response:

All sheep and oxen,
yes, and the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

Response:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.

GOSPEL READING: (Luke 4: 16-220)

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY:

INTERCESSIONS:

1. Lord Jesus you appeared to the disillusioned disciples on the road to Emmaus; enkindle our hearts to recognise you in the unlikely circumstances of our lives.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

2. Lord we pray for Brother James Aidan Brennan, and for his sister Eileen who pre-deceased him. May they reap a rich harvest from the good they accomplished during life and now enjoy refreshment, light and peace in your kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for our deceased relatives and friends. We remember in a special way today Brother Aidan's parents who guided his early steps in life and blessed him with love and affection. May God bring them all into the light of his presence.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

4. Let us pray for vocations to the Religious Life and to the priesthood. Like Brother Aidan, may other men hear the call to search for God, through consecrated Brotherhood in community, and the evangelisation of the world through the education of youth. Let us pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. Let us join all our prayers with those of Mary our Mother as we say: "Hail Mary, full of grace . . .

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ag Críost an Síol

Ag Críost an síol, ag Críost an fómhar;
in iothlainn Dé go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir, ag Críost an t-iasc;
líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois, ó aois go bás,
do dhá láimh, a Chríost, anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch nach críoch ach athfhás,
i bParthas na ngrás go rabhaimid.
(Sean O Riada)

The seed is Christ's, the harvest his.
May we be stored within God's barn

The sea is Christ's, the fish are his
May we be caught within God's net

From birth to age, from age to death
Enfold us Christ within your arms

Until the end the great re-birth
Christ be our joy in Paradise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE FINAL BLESSING



Br. Brennan's Mission Appointments

Studies 1938-1941

Liverpool 1941-1946

Gibraltar 1946 – 1950

Blackpool 1950 -1953

Liverpool 1953 - 1958

Plymouth 1958-1959

Bristol 1959 – 1968

Sabbatical in Rome

Studies in Jerusalem

Liverpool 1969 – 1997

St Anselms Birkenhead 1997 (Retirement)

Nazareth House Birkenhead 2010