



The Chapel of
The Transfiguration



The Funeral Service
of
Shawn Shiek
(1975–2025)

Friday 11th July 2025
3.30 p.m.

Receiving of the coffin

The chaplain meets the coffin at the Chapel steps and says,

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

The coffin is draped with the College Flag. The chaplain sprinkles the coffin with water while saying these words,

With this water we call to mind Shawn's baptism. As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us, so may he bring us to the fullness of resurrection life, with Shawn and all the redeemed.

As the coffin is carried into the Chapel, the chaplain says,

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11. 25,26

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8. 38,39

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. So we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4.14,17b,18

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6.7; Job 1.21b

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22,23

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5.4

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

As the coffin is placed on the bier, the chaplain continues,

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 Shawn,
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.

The chaplain departs.

Order of Service

*The congregation is asked to join in the texts printed in **bold**.*

At 3.30 pm remain seated as the choir enters and takes their place.

All stand as the procession of servers and clergy enter and move to the sanctuary

The chaplain says,

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you.

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

Silence is kept

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's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

All kneel or sit. The chaplain introduces the confession

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.**

The chaplain says

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

All sit. Neriah Shiek, Daughter, reads

A Tribute

All kneel or remain seated. The chaplain continues

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.

All sit

Reading

St. John 14. 1–7

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Thanks be to God

Remain seated. The choir sings

Anthem

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God,
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble, 1792–1866

Music: Sir Henry Walford Davies, 1869–1941

Remain seated. The chaplain gives the

Sermon

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers

God of mercy, Lord of life,
you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light:
we give you thanks for Shawn, for the grace and mercy he received from you,
for all that was good in his life,
for the memories we treasure today.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You promised eternal life to those who believe.
Remember for good this your servant Shawn as we also remember him.
Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom
where sins have been forgiven and death is no more.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death.
Look in mercy on all who mourn.
Give them patient faith in times of darkness.
Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You are tender towards your children
and your mercy is over all your works.
Heal the memories of hurt and failure.
Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright
the time that is left to us here on earth,
to turn to Christ and follow in his steps
in the way that leads to everlasting life.
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

God of mercy,
entrusting into your hands all that you have made
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,
we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in 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.**



**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.**

The Commendation

The chaplain stands by the coffin and says

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

Silence is kept

Go forth upon thy journey from this world O Christian soul,
in the name of the Father who created thee,
in the name of the Son who died to redeem thee,
in the name of the Holy Spirit who has called thee out of darkness
into his glorious light,
aided by angels and archangels and all the armies of the heavenly host;
may thy portion this day be in peace,
and thy dwelling place in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Remain standing. The choir sings

Nunc Dimittis

during which the chaplain asperges and thereafter incenses the coffin

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen.

Music: Plainsong

Remain standing as the organist plays

Dead March

Music: *from 'Saul'* - G. F. Handel, 1685–1759

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.

Unto him that is able to keep us from falling,
and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty,
dominion and power,
both now and for ever.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

during which the coffin, accompanied by the family, is carried out of the Chapel



**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**



**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Words: Jan Struther, 1901–53

Tune: Slane
Traditional Irish Melody



May angels lead you into paradise;
upon your arrival, may the martyrs receive you
and lead you to the holy city of Jerusalem.
May the ranks of angels receive you,
and may you have eternal rest.