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◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

REQUIEM MASS FOR
HARRY BRAMMA

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026
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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Photography and video recording of the Choir is not permitted.

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HEARING LOOP

Please switch your device to 'T'.

POSTURE

The instructions in this booklet are not prescriptive. Please sit if that is more appropriate for you.

LIVESTREAMING

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REQUIEM MASS

PRESIDENT

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark



DEACON

The Rev'd Canon Kathryn Fleming, Precentor



SUBDEACON & PREACHER

The Rev'd Prebendary Alan Moses



CHOIR

The Cathedral Consort and former members of Harry Bramma's
choirs at Southwark Cathedral and All Saints, Margaret Street
directed by Helen Smee



SETTING

Requiem in D flat • Walter Vale (1875-1939)



MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Prelude & Fugue in E flat, BWV 552 • J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 • J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*In keeping with Harry's wishes, the congregation is asked to keep silence for
five minutes before the service begins.*



Please stand as the Clergy enter and the coffin is brought into the Cathedral. The congregation is then invited to be seated until the Procession Hymn.

THE INTROIT

Funeral Sentences from the Burial Service • William Croft (1678-1727)

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7, Job 1:21

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

Job 14:1-2

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

1662 Book of Common Prayer

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours.

Revelation 14:13

Please stand as the Procession enters

THE HYMN

NEH 439 (tune i)



Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

TUNE: GERONTIUS

J. B. Dykes (1823-1876)

TEXT:

St John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

THE GATHERING

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

The President introduces the service.

The Choir sings:

THE KYRIE

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

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

All Amen.

Please sit

THE TRIBUTE

The Very Rev'd Nicholas Frayling

THE ANTHEM

Late have I loved Thee • Harry Bramma (1936–2026)

Late have I loved Thee, O Lord;
And behold, thou wast within and I without,
And there I sought Thee.
Thou wast with me when I was not with Thee.
Thou didst call, and cry, and burst my deafness.
Thou didst gleam, and glow, and dispel my blindness.
Thou didst touch me, and I burned for Thy peace.
For Thyself Thou hast made us,
And restless our hearts until in Thee they find their ease.
Late have I loved Thee, Thou Beauty ever old and ever new.

St Augustine, Confessions (Chapter 27, Book 10)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Read by **Nicholas Hewlett.**

A reading from the book of Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel as the Procession moves into the Nave.



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Anyone who hears my words and believes him who sent me has eternal life, says the Lord; and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 15: 12-17

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Prebendary Alan Moses

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel.

*The prayers are led by **The Rev'd Peter Anthony** and **Dr Noël Tredinnick***

We pray with confidence to God, the almighty Father,
who raised Christ his Son from the dead for the salvation of all.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Jesus said, '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 Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Hymn, bread and wine are presented at the Altar. A collection is taken via the QR code below, with proceeds given to The Royal School of Church Music in Harry's memory.



THE OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 271



Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)
Descant by Norman Caplin (1925-2011)

TEXT:

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

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

All 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 Harry and all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

The Choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues:

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary the mother of Jesus and with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever,

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we look for the coming of the Kingdom,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

You are invited to receive communion. Please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you would prefer a blessing to communion, please bring this booklet with you. Please do not dip the host into the chalice.

During the distribution, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI & COMMUNIO

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest, eternal rest.

May light eternal shine on them, O Lord,
with Thy saints for ever, for Thou art gracious.
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Followed by:

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus • William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine.
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu fili Mariae:
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death!

O sweet one, O holy one,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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:

All **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

The coffin is now sprinkled with holy water, a reminder of Harry's baptism. After the sprinkling, the coffin is incensed showing our respect for Harry's body in which the Spirit of God dwelt. As the smoke rises towards heaven so do our prayers.

The President stands by the coffin and says

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

Silence is kept

Harry has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.
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.

THE BLESSING

May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

NEH 408 (tune i)



Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, 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,
Never more 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 heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

TUNE: BLAENWERN

William Rowlands (1860-1937)

TEXT:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

VOLUNTARY

Toccata from *Symphonie N° 5, Op. 42* • Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*You are warmly invited to a reception in the Cathedral after the service.
The funeral will be followed by a private cremation.*

FURTHER SERVICES IN MEMORY OF HARRY BRAMMA

All these services will include music by Harry

Later today at Southwark Cathedral

Choral Evensong at 5.30pm today will be offered in Harry's memory, and includes his anthem *God is light*. All are warmly welcome to join the service, sung by the Schola Cantorum and Lay Clerks.

All Saints, Margaret Street

Memorial Evensong and Benediction for Harry Bramma,
Sunday 25 October at 6.00pm, followed by a drinks reception.

Worcester Cathedral

Choral Evensong in thanksgiving for the life of Harry Bramma,
Sunday 15 November at 4.00pm.



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making space for love
with heart, mind, and soul

It is good to welcome you to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames, in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie ('over-the-river'). With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation, the Priory became a parish church, and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the Cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

The Cathedral has a momentous and significant history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens. It has also been a Cathedral for those who feel on the edges of faith or society, our welcome reaching out to all people in their beautiful God-given diversity.

Here, our Christian faith is captured in our vision to 'make space for love: with heart, mind, and soul'. Faith requires our hearts to stand up for social justice, upholding integrity and kindness, and supporting the vulnerable and oppressed. It challenges our thinking, inviting our minds to be enquiring, honest, and generous. Faith also seeks to deepen our inner lives, with the arts and creativity, by sharing in the life of our community, and by learning the arts of prayer and attention. In Jesus Christ we see the human face of God, and our faith in him is our joy and our life.

We really hope you enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon.

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