

# **The receiving of Martin's body into St. John's**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 20:30

Led by the Reverend Felicity Scroggie

## **Entrance Music**

*A Gaelic Blessing – John Rutter*

## **Receiving the coffin**

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

## **Placing of objects on the coffin**

*A Bible, a cross and a stole will be placed on the coffin, as reminders of Martin's ministry and faith.*

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of world, we walk in your light, symbolised in this candle.

*The pascal candle is lit.*

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you called Martin to ordination, and he answered your call.

*Other objects will be placed around the coffin, symbols of Martin's relationships as husband, father, grampy and friend.*

### **A Prayer from Iona**

I lie down this night with God

**And God will lie down with me.**

I lie down this night with Christ

**And Christ will lie down with me.**

I lie down this night with the Spirit

**And the Spirit will lie down with me.**

**The Three of my love**

**will be lying down with me.**

I shall not lie down with sin

**Nor shall sin or sin's shadow lie down with me.**

I lie down this night with God

**And God will lie down with me.**

## **Nunc Dimittis**

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every  
people;  
A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

*Luke 2.29-32*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

Come with the dawning of the day

**and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;

the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to

us; the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

**Amen.**

*Please depart St. John's in silence. We look forward to seeing you again tomorrow for Martin's funeral at St. Mary's, at 11:00 am.*