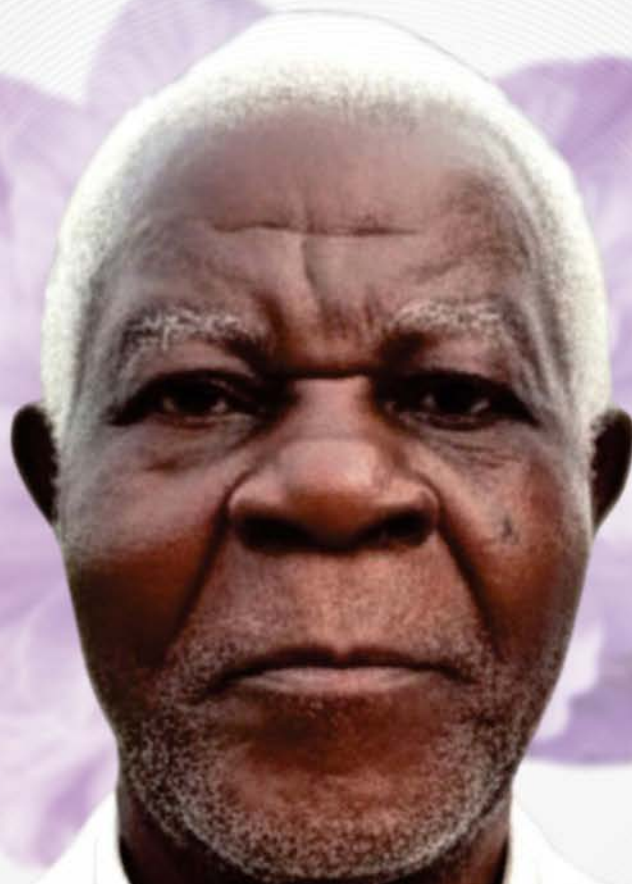


A MEMORIAL MASS IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

St Louis Catholic Church, Bompai, Kano State

**Officiating Priest:** Revd Fr. Alex Shukau, Parish Priest





*Richard Olawunmi Adesanya*  
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# Memorial Mass

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## Entrance Hymn – “Abide With Me” (H. F. Lyte, 1861)

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
3. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## Opening Prayer (Collect)

O God, Almighty Father, our faith professes that Your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant that, through this mystery, Your servant Richard Olawunmi Adesanya, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Liturgy Of The Word

### ***First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-6, 9***

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure was taken for misery: And their going away from us, for utter destruction: but they are in peace. And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, their hope is full of immortality. Afflicted in few things, in many they shall be well rewarded: because God hath tried them, and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace he hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust he hath received them... But they that are faithful in love shall rest in him: for grace and peace is to his elect.

**The Word of the Lord.** Thanks be to God.

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## *Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23*

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

**Response**

2. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Response**

3. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Response**

## **Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**The Word of the Lord.** Thanks be to God.

## **Homily**

## **Liturgy Of The Eucharist**

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## Offeratory Hymn: Take My Life And Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

## Eucharistic Prayer

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord. **Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right and just.

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts;  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## Great Amen

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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## Communion Hymn 1: "Soul of My Saviour"

1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in Thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from Thy side.
2. Strength and protection may Thy Passion be;  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;  
So shall I never, never part from Thee.
3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
In death's dread moments make me only Thine;  
Call me, and bid me come to Thee on high,  
Where I may praise Thee with Thy saints for aye

## Communion Hymn 2 – "Be Still, My Soul"

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly friend  
Thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul! your God does undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past;  
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.
3. Be still, my soul! when dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul! your Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.
4. Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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## **Farewell Hymn – “In paradisum” (Latin Antiphon)**

1. In paradisum deducant te Angeli;  
In tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,  
Et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.  
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,  
Et cum Lazaro quondam paupere,  
Aeternam habeas requiem.

### ***English sense translation:***

1. May the angels lead you into paradise;  
May the martyrs receive you at your arrival,  
And lead you to the holy city Jerusalem.  
May the choirs of angels receive you,  
And with Lazarus, once poor,  
May you have eternal rest.

## **Recessional Hymn – “Nearer, My God, to Thee”**

1. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to thee;  
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
Yet in my dreams I'd be  
Nearer, my God, to thee;  
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
3. Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be  
Nearer, my God, to thee;  
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

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## Final Blessing

**Priest:** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**People:** And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Priest:** May he rest in peace.

**People:** Amen.

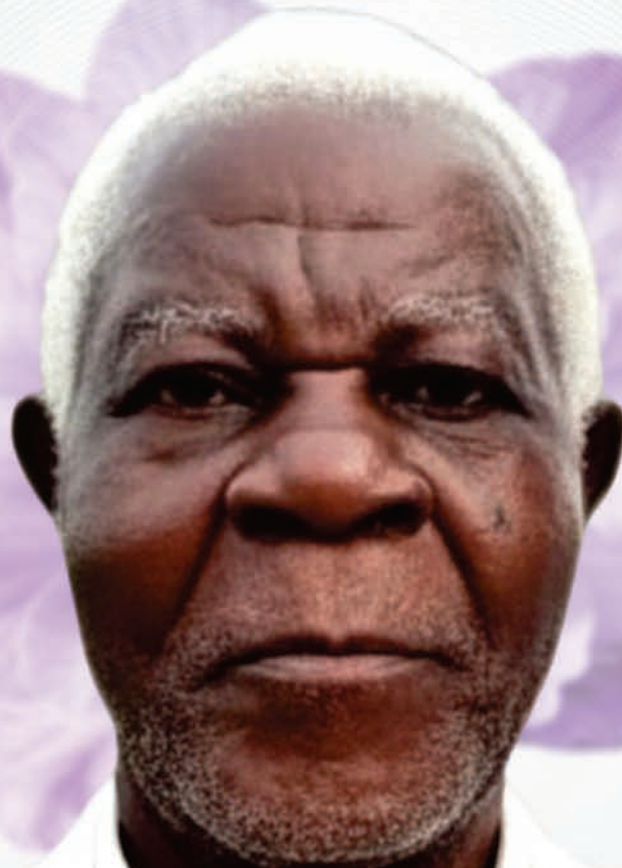
**Priest:** May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**People:** Amen.

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# Service of Songs

## *Introduction*

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** We gather this evening to celebrate the life of our beloved father and friend, Mr Richard Olawunmi Adesanya. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and comfort his family.

**All:** Amen.

## *Opening Prayers*

**Priest:** Let us pray.

God, Almighty Father, our faith professes that Your Son died and rose again; grant that Your servant Richard Olawunmi Adesanya, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

# Service of Songs

## HYMN 1:

### Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art  
calling,  
Do not pass me by.

*Refrain:*

*Saviour, Saviour, hear my  
humble cry;  
While on others Thou art  
calling,  
Do not pass me by.*

2. Let me at a throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief,  
Kneeling there in deep  
contrition;  
Help my unbelief.  
*Refrain*

3. Trusting only in Thy merit,  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken  
spirit,  
Save me by Thy grace.  
*Refrain*

4 Thou, the Spring of all my  
comfort,  
More than life to me;  
Whom have I on earth beside  
Thee?  
Whom in heav'n but Thee?  
*Refrain*

## HYMN 2:

### God of Mercy and Compassion

1. God of mercy and compassion,  
Look with pity upon me;  
Father, let me call thee Father,  
Tis thy child returns to thee.

*Chorus*

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy,  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.*

2. By my sins I have deserved,  
Death and endless misery;  
Hell with all its pains and  
torments  
And for all eternity.

3. By my sins I have abandoned,  
Right and claim to heaven  
above;  
Where the saint rejoice forever,  
In a boundless sea of love.

4. See our Saviour, bleeding,  
dying,  
On the Cross of Calvary;  
To that Cross my sins have  
nailed him,  
Yet he bleeds and dies for me.



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## HYMN 3:

### I Am Thine O Lord

1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard  
Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of  
faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

#### Chorus

*Draw me nearer, nearer,  
blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast  
died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer,  
nearer, blessed Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

2. Consecrate me now to Thy  
service, Lord,  
By the pow'r of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a  
steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.
3. O the pure delight of a single  
hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and  
with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with  
friend!
4. There are depths of love that I  
cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I  
may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

## HYMN 4:

### Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is  
mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory  
divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of  
God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his  
blood.

#### Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day  
long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day  
long.*

2. Perfect communion, perfect  
delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on  
my sight.  
Angels descending bring from  
above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of  
love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Saviour am happy and  
bless'd,  
Watching and waiting, looking  
above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in  
his love.

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## HYMN 5:

### All To Jesus I Surrender

1. All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

*Refrain:*

*I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

2. All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.
3. All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
4. All to Jesus I surrender,  
Now I feel the sacred flame;  
O the joy of full salvation!  
Glory, glory to His Name!

## HYMN 6:

### Lord, I'm Coming Home

1. I've wandered far away from  
God,  
Now I'm coming home;  
The paths of sin too long I've  
trod,  
Lord, I'm coming home.

*Chorus*

*Coming home, coming home,  
Nevermore to roam;  
Open wide Thine arms of love,  
Lord, I'm coming home.*

2. I've wasted many precious  
years,  
Now I'm coming home;  
I now repent with bitter tears,  
Lord, I'm coming home.
3. I'm tired of sin and straying,  
Lord,  
Now I'm coming home;  
I'll trust Thy love, believe Thy  
word,  
Lord, I'm coming home.
4. My soul is sick, my heart is sore,  
Now I'm coming home;  
My strength renew, my hope  
Lord, I'm coming home.

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## *First Reading*

### ***A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)***

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.



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## HYMN 7:

### Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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## *Second Reading*

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.



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## HYMN 8:

### Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me  
His Word my hope secures  
He will my Shield and Portion be  
As long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess, within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.
6. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine.
7. When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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## *Third Reading*

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (11:25-26)**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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## HYMN 9:

### As I Kneel Before You

1. As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
And fill me with your love.

#### *Refrain*

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria*

2. All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.
  3. As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Every thought, every word  
Is lost in your embrace.
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## *Fourth Reading*

### **A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:51-57)**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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## HYMN 10:

### Christ Is My Rock

#### *Chorus*

*Christ is my Rock, my Refuge, my Stronghold,  
Firm as the tree's root that clutches the land.  
He who has faith builds without worry,  
Not like the man who builds upon sand.  
I set my house on a solid foundation:  
Christ is my rock, the root of my soul's recreation.*

1. I know a man who loved to live "free",  
He pitched his tent by the side of the sea.  
It stood near the surf and was washed by the spray  
'Till one day a wave came and washed it away.
2. I know a man who loved to live high.  
He built his castle near up to the sky,  
Through summer and spring it stood pretty well,  
When winter winds whistled, it toppled and fell.
- 3 I know a man, a cool one to know,  
He built his house out of ice and of snow,  
In chill isolation his night work was done,  
But it melted away with the warm morning sun.
4. I know a man who built out of straw,  
The flimsiest fellow that I ever saw,  
One day a spark set it to flame,  
And nothing was left to remember his name.

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## *Prayer of the Faithful*

**Priest:** Let us pray to God the Father, who raised Christ His Son from the dead, for our brother Richard and for all who mourn.

**Reader:** For our brother Richard, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For his family and friends, who grieve his passing, that they may be comforted by the hope of the resurrection and the peace of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For all who have supported this family in their time of loss, that their kindness may be returned to them a hundredfold. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For all the faithful departed, especially those forgotten, that through the mercy of God, they may rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** O God, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, we beseech You on behalf of the soul of Your servant Richard, whom You have called out of this world. Do not deliver him into the hands of the enemy, but command that he be received by the holy angels

## *Concluding Prayers and Final Blessing*

**Priest:** Let us pray.

Lord God, You are the glory of believers and the life of the just. Your Son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Our brother Richard was faithful and believed in our own resurrection from the dead. Since

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he believed in the mystery of our own resurrection,  
let him rejoice for ever in the vision of Your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes.

**All:** Amen.

**Priest:** And may Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

## HYMN 11:

### God Be With You Till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you;  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain:*

*Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

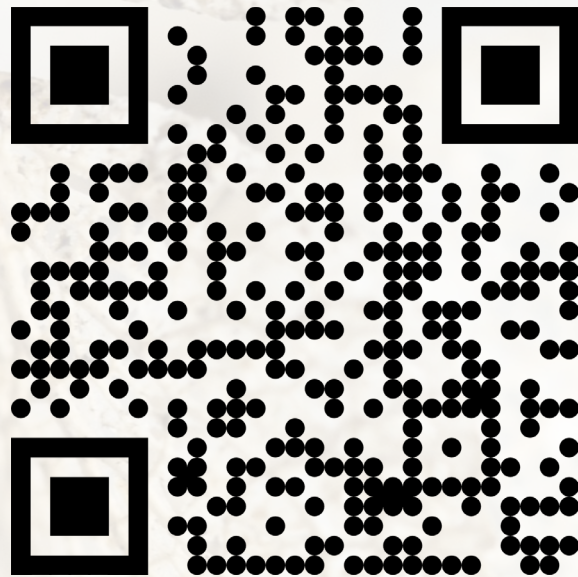
2. God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again;  
With the oil of joy anoint you,  
Sacred ministries appoint you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

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**May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.**

- The Adesanya Family