

In Loving Memory of

Gerry Marsden M.B.E

A Requiem Mass held at St. Mary of the Angels R.C. Church
On Saturday 16th January 2021
Followed by Committal at Flintshire Crematorium



Order of Service

Processional Music

Ave Maria - Francis Roscoe Organist

Opening Hymn

Abide with me

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 fear no foe
with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
if thou abide with me.

4. Hold thou thy cross
before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me.

Opening Prayer & Welcome

Father Louis Maggiore & Deacon Tony Hunt

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9, read by Gerry's daughter Vicky

Psalm Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

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

Second Reading

Corinthians 13: 1-7 & 13

Gospel

Matthew 28: 17-20

Homily

Deacon Tony Hunt

Prayers of Intercession

Offertory Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men let we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Communion Rite

Communion Hymn

Amazing grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm 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 that brought me safe thus far,
and grace that 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. When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

Post Communion Reflection

Ave Maria - Joseph Buckmaster & Heather Heighway

Closing Prayer

Matthew 28: 17-20

Recessional Music

You'll Never Walk Alone - Gary Murphy

At Flintshire Crematorium

Entrance Music

The Prayer - Andrea Bocelli & Celine Dion

Final Prayer and Commendation

Poem

Farewell My Friends - Rabindranath Tagore
Read by Gerry's Daughter Yvette

It was beautiful as long as it lasted,
The journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever,
Save the pain I'll leave behind;
Those dear hearts who love and care
And the strings pulling
At the heart and soul,
The strong arms that held me up
When my own strength let me down.
At every turning of my life
I came across good friends,

Friends who stood by me
Even when the time raced me by.
Farewell, farewell my friends
I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears, for I need them not,
All I need is your smile.
If you feel sad, do think of me,
For that's what I'll like.
For when you live in
The hearts of those you love
Remember then - you never die.

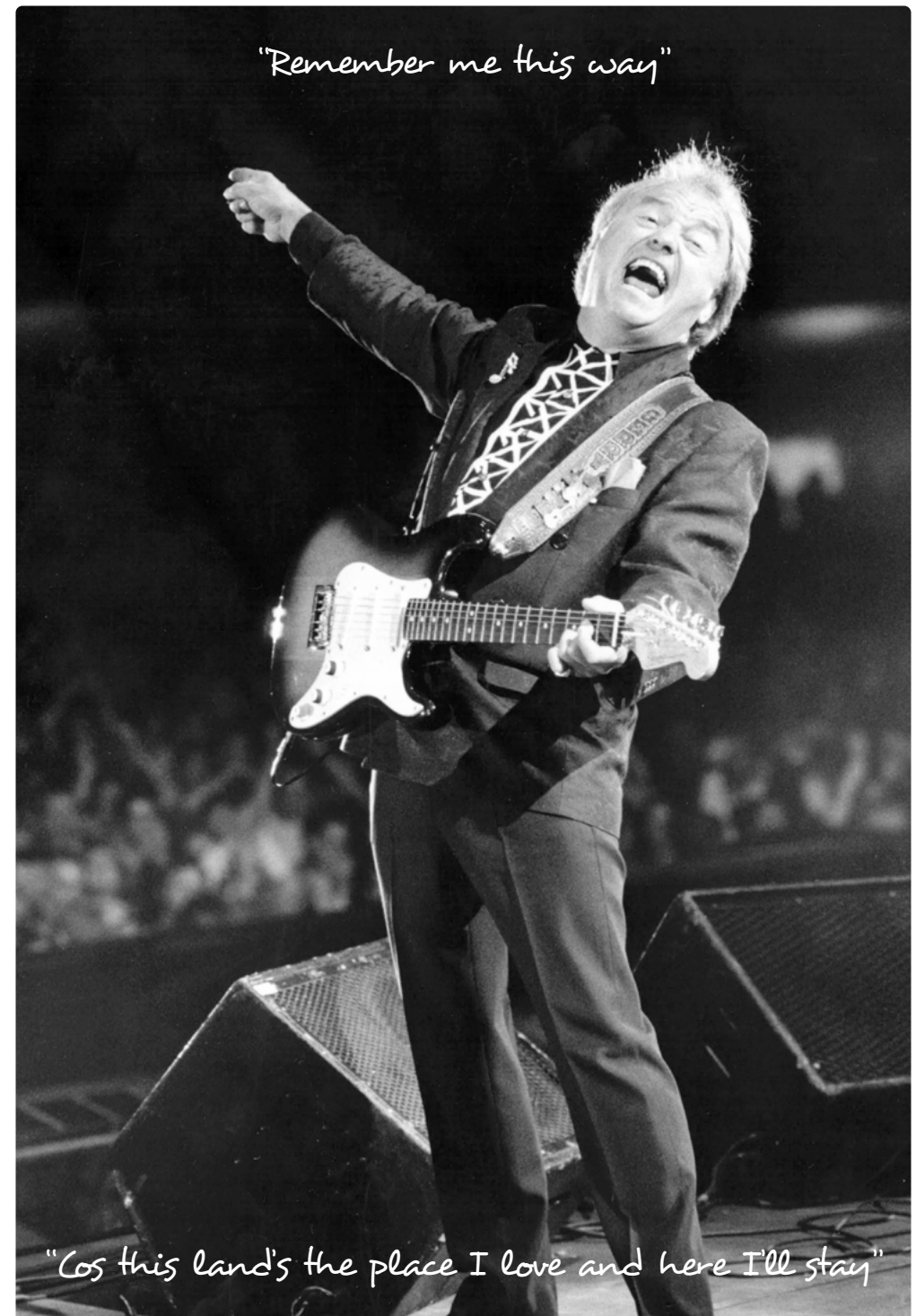
Blessing

Photographic Tribute

Set to Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying - Gerry & The Pacemakers

Recessional Music

I'll Be There - Gerry & The Pacemakers





"Good night, god bless, see ya' later"

Gerry's family wish to express their sincere thanks for the many messages of sympathy and support received at this sad time. If you would like to make a donation in Gerry's name to any of the following charities, it would be gratefully received.

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