**Entrance Hymn** ♫ *Christ be beside me*

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading** (Reader: *Catherine*)

A reading from the book of Wisdom [3:1-6.9]

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

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

**Psalm:** ♫ *Be Not Afraid* [cf. Psalm 91 | R. Dufford]

**Second Reading** *(Reader: Justin)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans [14:7-12]

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: Be my life – it is the Lord who speaks – every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

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

♫ **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Resurrection and the Life says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.
Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you
**All:** And with your spirit
**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [12:23-26]
**All**: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Homily**

**Prayers of the Faithful** *(Peter)*

1. In baptism Ger was given the pledge of eternal life. May he now be admitted to the company of the saints and the angels.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us**

2. Let us pray for Johns family, that in these dark days they may be sustained by their faith and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with John one day in God’s heavenly kingdom.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us**

3. To John’s extended family and wide circle of friends, that our remembrance of Ger may be a source of comfort and strength to them.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us**

4. We pray for the first aiders, the emergency services, An Garda Síochána and the doctors and nurses in the Mater Hospital who cared for John in his time of need.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us**

5. For the gift of life which we all share and which is very precious: may the Lord help us to be more aware of the gifts and talents given to us, particularly those we so often take for granted. May we use them to make the world a better place.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us**

6. For the souls of all our family members and friends who have gone before us: that John may be united with them at the great banquet table in the kingdom of heaven.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us**

**Preparation of the Gifts and the Altar**

♫ *All That I am* (D. Haas)

**Holy Communion**

 ♫ *You are mine* (D. Haas)

♫ *Close to you (I watch the sunrise)* (J. Glynn | C. Murphy)

**Final Commendation**

♫ *The Hand of God* (M. Haugen)

**Recessional Hymn**

♫ *May the Road Rise to Meet You* (Traditional)

Music: *Davis and Louise Fitzpatrick*

*As we today celebrate Johnss life, we are very grateful and thank everyone for all the wishes and support received over the past few days.*