

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE LIFE OF

*Elizabeth Anne Briggs*

20th August 1957 - 4th December 2019



Monday 30th December 2019

Our Lady and St Patrick's Catholic Church at 9.30 am

Service conducted by Father Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ

followed by cremation at Wilford Hill Crematorium

Committal conducted by Deacon Martyn Swaby

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ENTRANCE HYMN

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

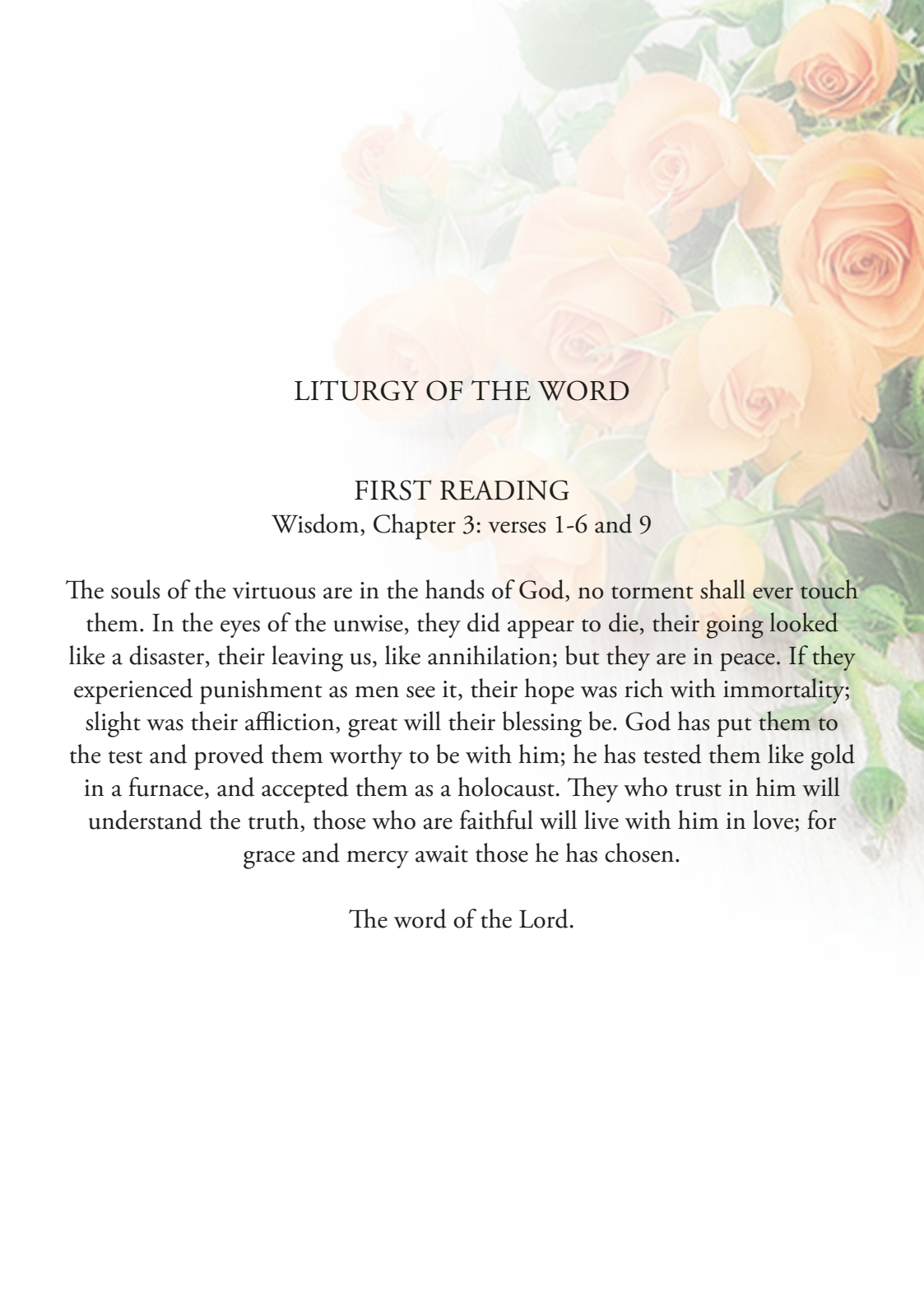
## OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all you have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant, Elizabeth, who has gone to her rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.





## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Wisdom, Chapter 3: verses 1-6 and 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.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.**

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.  
You will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.





## GOSPEL

Matthew, Chapter 5: verses 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn, they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For Elizabeth, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the family and friends of our sister Elizabeth, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**





## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Celebrant: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed sister Elizabeth. Cleanse her and all the faithful departed of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes;  
may now Your love sweep this nation,  
cause us, oh Lord, to arise:  
Give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real,  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.

Let there be hope shared among us,  
let there be hope in our eyes;  
may now Your hope sweep this nation,  
cause us, oh Lord, to arise:  
give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real,  
let there be hope shared among us,  
let there be hope.

Let there be joy shared among us,  
let there be joy in our eyes;  
may now Your joy sweep this nation,  
cause us, oh Lord, to arise:  
give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real,  
let there be joy shared among us,  
let there be joy.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day,  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.  
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Chris, you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us to see you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your pow'r breaks through, living Lord.







EULOGY  
Tom Briggs

FINAL COMMENDATION

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Elizabeth  
and now we come to the last farewell.

There is sadness in parting but we take comfort in the hope that one day we  
shall see Elizabeth again and enjoy her friendship.

Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will  
gather us together again in the joy of his Kingdom.

Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Elizabeth in the  
sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ,  
she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Elizabeth in  
this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship  
with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of  
paradise to your servant and help us to remain to comfort one another with  
assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our  
sister for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

She has gone no  
further from us  
than to  
GOD  
and God is  
very near.





FINAL HYMN

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,  
    casting its shadows near.  
And on this morning bright though it be,  
    I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me  
    following all my ways.  
    May I be always close to you  
    following all your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,  
    warming the earth below.  
And at the midday, life seems to say:  
    “I feel your brightness near me.”  
    *For you are always...*

I watch the sunset fading away,  
    lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes its eyes,  
    I feel your presence near me.  
    *For you are always...*

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
    waiting till morning comes.  
The air is silent, earth is at rest -  
    only your peace is near me.  
    *Yes, you are always...*

*The committal will now take place at Wilford Hill Crematorium.*



The family would like to thank everyone  
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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