



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARK GORDON

26th January 1960 – 19th February 2024



Our Lady of Mercy Church, Melbourne
Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 2.30 pm
Minister: Father Andrew Harding



Winner of the Major Award in the National Exhibition of Children's Art at The Mall Gallery January 1978

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

Instrumental

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All respond: And also with you.

The Lord is our shepherd and leads us to streams of living water.

ENTRANCE HYMN

No. 627 - You Shall Cross The Barren Desert

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And they will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you, through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

Robert J Dufford, SJ

INVITATION TO PRAYER

My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather Mark to himself.

OPENING PRAYER

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 who have fallen asleep.

Grant that through this mystery
Your servant Mark, who has gone to his 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,
God, for ever and ever.

All respond: Amen.

REMEMBERING MARK

Tiffany Gordon

AISLING'S SONG

sung by Imogen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Clive Gordon

Reader: A reading from the first letter of St John, Chapter 3: verses 1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
By letting us be called God's children;
And that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
Therefore, it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
But what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
All we know is, that when it is revealed
We shall be like him
Because we shall see him as he really is.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
read by Maggie and Jim McGuigan

Reader: If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear, for you are there with me.

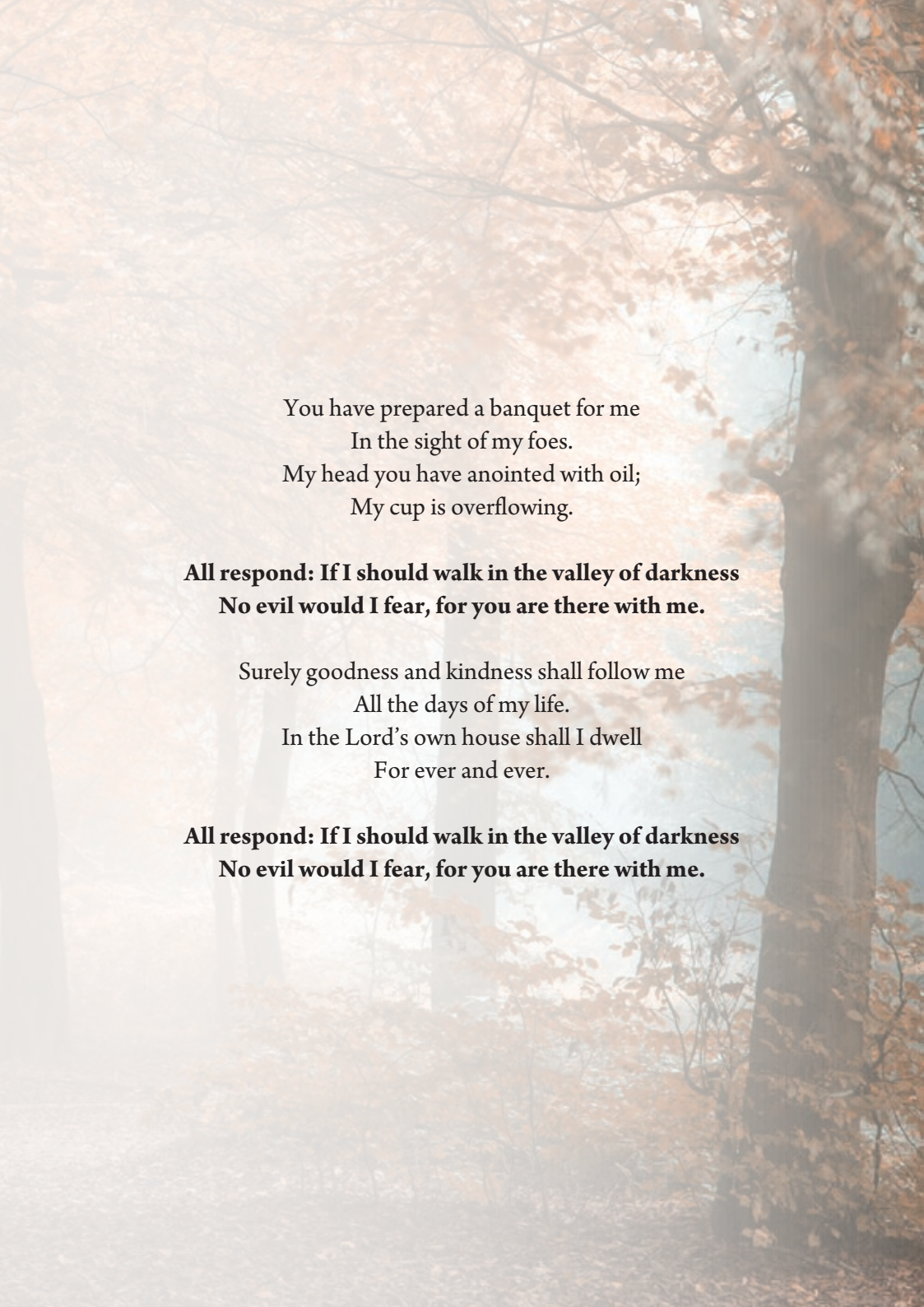
**All respond: If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear, for you are there with me.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.

**All respond: If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear, for you are there with me.**

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort.

**All respond: If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear, for you are there with me.**



You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing.

**All respond: If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear, for you are there with me.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever.

**All respond: If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear, for you are there with me.**



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand

All sing: Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

Come, you whom my father has blessed,

Says the Lord;

Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you

Since the foundation of the world.

All sing: Glory to you, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to

St. Matthew, Chapter 5: verses 1-12

All respond: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.’

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Father Andrew

PRAYERS AND POETRY

On the Death of the Beloved by John O’Donohue
read by Tiffany Gordon

Opening Priest's Prayer...
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
read by Jean and Klaus Kiekopf

Let us pray for the comfort and consolation of Mark's family, relatives and friends. Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us Pray that God will give us consolation, peace and encouragement as we continue along the journey of life. Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us: that they may now be enjoying a Heavenly reward for their goodness and kindness.
Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

For people everywhere who are grieving. That the pain they endure may not be too much to bear. And that they may experience consolation from Christ who suffered, died and rose again to eternal life. Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the virtues of faith, hope and love. That we may be strengthened and reassured on our own journey through life. Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray that God's love and strength may be strong in the hearts of the young people. That they may be inspired by the values they cherished in Mark's life, and continue those qualities in their own. Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

For Mark, who began eternal life with Jesus in Baptism:
That Our merciful and loving God will grant Mark a place of peace and light in God's heavenly Kingdom. Lord hear us.

All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

We ask for the intercession of our Blessed Lady,
Mother of Mercy as together we say:
**'Hail Mary. full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among
women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.'**

Closing Priest's Prayer...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, our shelter and our strength,
You listen in love to the cry of your people:
Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother Mark
Cleanse him and all the faithful departed of their sins
And grant them the fullness of redemption.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All respond: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Mark 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 Mark again and enjoy his 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.

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

SONG OF FAREWELL

All say:

**I know that my Redeemer lives,
And on that final day of days,
His voice shall bid me rise again:
Unending joy, unceasing praise!
This hope I cherish in my heart:
To stand on earth, my flesh restored,
And, not a stranger but a friend,
Behold my Saviour and my Lord.**

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

In peace let us take Mark to his place of rest.

All say:

**May the angels lead you into paradise:
May the martyrs come to welcome you
And take you to the holy city,
The new and eternal Jerusalem.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

No. 342 - Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

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.

*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.*

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.
O Master, grant that I may never seek...

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

***'The red and white flowers in the wreath on Mark's
coffin were chosen by his nephew Caradoc'***

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

All are invited for light refreshment in the
church hall.

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