

*A Requiem Mass
to Celebrate the Life of*



**Catherine Mary Smith
(nee Fitzpatrick)**

17th April 1956 - 22nd July 2023

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Sherwood Drive,
New Ollerton, Newark NG22 9PP
Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 1.00 pm



When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that once we shared;
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we must all take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
Laugh at all the things we used to do;
Miss me, but let me go



Entrance Music

(Sittin' On) The Dock Of The Bay by Otis Redding



Processional Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord.





Greeting and Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer



Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Book of Revelation, Chapter 14: verse 13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say,

"Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," said the Spirit,

"let them find rest from their labours, for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord.



Response to Reading

**All: 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You are mine, O my child, I am your father,
And I love you with a perfect love.



Gospel Reading

from St John's Gospel, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God;
have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not, would I have told you that
I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.

Whoever believes in me will never die.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Homily

Father Matthias Ejukwe

Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

read by Terry Fitzpatrick

Reader: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn


O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
Chorus: Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Chorus: Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Chorus: Then sings my soul...





Communion Rite

*Those who do not wish to receive Communion may come forward
in the Communion procession for a blessing.*



Communion 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.

*Chorus: 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 mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel Your brightness near me.
Chorus: 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.
Chorus: 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.
Chorus: Yes, You are always...



Post Communion Prayer

Eulogy (Cathy's Story)

read by Vinny Smith

Final Commendation including Final Blessing

Jesus said, "I have come as light into the world that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."





Recessional Hymn

Ave Maria
sung by Barbara Page

Closing Music

Still Water (Love) by Four Tops



I cannot argue with you anymore, I cannot fight you anymore.

I cannot hold you anymore, I cannot touch you anymore.

I cannot feel you anymore, I cannot laugh with you anymore.

I cannot cry with you anymore, I cannot kiss you anymore.

We are so far apart.

I can only love you even more ...

forever in my heart.

“Though the carnival is over,

I will love you till I die.”

Rest in peace, my best friend,
my companion, my love, my world.

My Cathy.



Thank you to family and friends for the kind words of sympathy, cards and, above all, the support that has been so kindly given following the sad loss of Cathy. Thank you also to those who were able to attend the service today, helping to make it such a wonderful tribute to a very special person who has touched the lives of so many.



We invite you to join the family for the burial in Walesby Cemetery immediately after the service, or if you'd prefer to join us afterwards, at a reception at The Carpenter's Arms, Walesby.

For anyone wishing to make a charity donation in Cathy's memory, donations are requested to be made to

Sherwood Forest Hospitals

by following the link: funeralguide.co.uk/justgiving/donate/114069/99896

Donations will be directed to the stroke unit of the hospital, who cared for Cathy so compassionately over the last few months, where funds will be gratefully received to help those in similar circumstances.

