

*In Loving Memory of*



*Nora Geraghty*

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*St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Derby  
Tuesday 7th March 2023  
at 10.30 am*



# *Order of Service*

## *Introductory Rites*

*Greeting*

A soft, out-of-focus background of pink lilies with yellow centers, creating a gentle and serene atmosphere.

## *Hymn*

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.

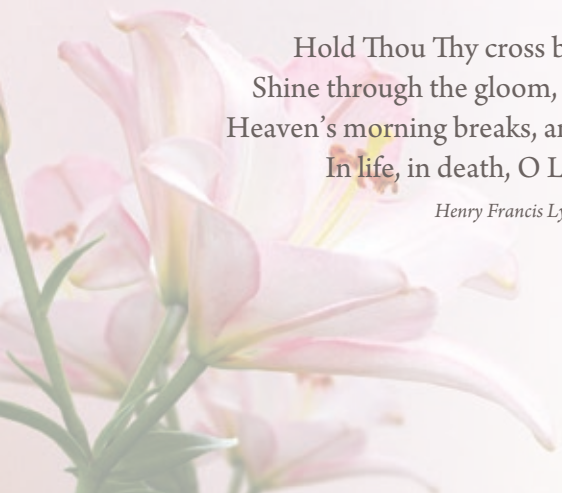
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

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.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*



*Collect*

# *Liturgy Of The Word*

*First Reading*

Wisdom, Chapter 3: verses 1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of Himself. Those who trust in Him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with Him in love, because grace and mercy are upon His holy ones, and He watches over His Elect.

## *Psalm*

(Psalm 22, which is sung)

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.

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.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head You have anointed with oil; my cup is over-flowing.

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.



## *Second Reading*

Thessalonians, Chapter 4: verses 13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with Him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call our the command and the Lord Himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord forever.

With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

# *Gospel*

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Jesus said to His disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled; trust in God still, and trust in Me. There are many rooms in My Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with Me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.’





## *Hymn*

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in Thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from Thy side.

Strength and protection may Thy Passion be,  
O blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me;  
Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from Thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only Thine;  
Call me and bid me come to Thee on high  
When I may praise Thee with Thy saints for aye.

*William Maher (1823-1877)*

## *Homily and Intercessions*

*The homily is delivered by the priest and is followed by bidding prayers.*

*The response to each is, **Hear our prayer.***

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

*Offertory and Eucharistic prayer*

## *Final Commendation*

*Invitation to prayer and silence*

*Signs of farewell*



## *Hymn*

As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
And fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria,  
Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum,  
Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,  
Present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.

*Maria Parkinson (b.1956)*

*The Prayer of Commendation*

*Procession to the Place of Committal*



## *Hymn*

Going home, going home,  
I'm a-going home.  
Quiet-like, some still day,  
I'm just going home.  
It's not far, just close by;  
Through an open door;  
Work all done, care laid by,  
Going to fear no more.  
Mother's there expecting me,  
Father's waiting too.  
Lots of folk gathered there,  
All the friends I knew,  
All the friends I knew.

Morning star lights the way;  
Restless dreams all done;  
Shadows gone, break of day,  
Real life just begun.  
There's no break, there's no end,  
Just a-living on,  
Wide awake, with a smile,  
Going on and on.  
Going home, going home,  
I'm just going home.  
It's not far, just close by,  
Through an open door.  
I'm just going home.

*Committal at Nottingham Road Cemetery*

*Prayers of Committal and the Final Blessing*







The family extend their thanks to Leisha and Ally at L and A Vocals  
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