

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



MADELEINE MARY ROPER

17th October 1949 - 15th January 2021

‘SHERIFF’S LADY’

1990-1991

Thursday 11th February 2021

St Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, Lenton at 10.15 am
followed by cremation at Bramcote Crematorium

ORDER OF SERVICE

BLESSING OF THE COFFIN AND OPENING MUSIC

Lord Of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

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 blessings 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

PSALM 114

**Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians, Chapter 12: verse 31 - Chapter 13: verse 8

Be ambitious for the higher gifts.

And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

Love does not come to an end.

But if there are gifts of prophecy the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue forever; and knowledge - for this too the time will come when it must fail.

There are three things that last - faith, hope and love; and the greatest of all of those is love.

GOSPEL

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”



HOMILY

BIDDING PRAYER

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Lord Bless You And Keep You - John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you.
To shine upon you and be gracious,
And be gracious unto you.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you.
And give you peace, and give you peace;
And give you peace, and give you peace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

EULOGY

Read by Madeleine's Husband, Paul

FINAL COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

I Vow To Thee, My Country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Death Is Only An Horizon

*(this poem was kindly given to us
by our Friend Tim Connery)*

We give them back to you, O Lord,
 who first gave them to us;
and as you did not lose them in the giving,
 so we do not lose them in the return.

Not as the world gives do you give,
 O Lover of souls.
For what is yours is ours also,
 if we belong to you.

Life is unending because love is undying,
and the boundaries of this life are but an horizon,
and an horizon is but the limit of our vision.

Lift us up, strong Son of God,
 that we may see further.
Strengthen our faith we may see beyond the horizon.

And while you prepare a place for us,
 as you have promised,
prepare us also for that happy place;
that where you are we may be also,
with those we have loved, forever.

Bede Jarett O. P.



*The Sheriff and his Lady
outside the Camellia House, Thirlston Park*

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for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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