

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF  
ELLEN THERESA HODGKINSON

21st October 1930 – 9th October 2020



The family wish to thank you for your sympathy and kindness, which has been a great comfort at this sad time, and also for your presence here today.

Donations, if desired, in memory of Theresa will be given to the  
**British Heart Foundation**  
and may be sent care of

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St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Stapleford  
Friday 30th October 2020 at 9.30 am

GATHERING  
Instrumental

ENTRANCE MUSIC  
Abide With Me

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

**All respond: And also with you.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters,  
let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves  
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

**All respond: For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**All respond: And grant us your salvation**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER

REMEMBERING THERESA  
Father John McCay

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

CONCLUSION

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Fill Your Hearts With Joy And Gladness

POEM  
She Is Gone  
read by Brian Hodgkinson

You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want, smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

REFLECTION  
Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord

COMMITTAL

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING  
read by Darren Boffey

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 25: verses 6-9

On this mountain,  
The Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
A banquet of rich food.  
On this mountain he will remove  
The mourning veil covering all peoples,  
And the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
He will destroy Death for ever,  
The Lord will wipe away  
The tears from every cheek;  
He will take away his people's shame  
Everywhere on earth,  
For the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
In whom we hoped for salvation;  
The Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
That he has saved us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
**All respond: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22

read by Anne Boffey

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

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

RITE OF COMMITTAL AT  
BRAMCOTE CREMATORIUM

ENTRANCE MUSIC

Abide With Me

INVITATION AND INTRODUCTION

PRAYER BEFORE COMMITTAL  
AND  
SIGN OF FAREWELL

REMEMBERING MUM

Anne Boffey

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

SONG OF FAREWELL

**All: 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 Theresa to her place of rest.

**All: 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

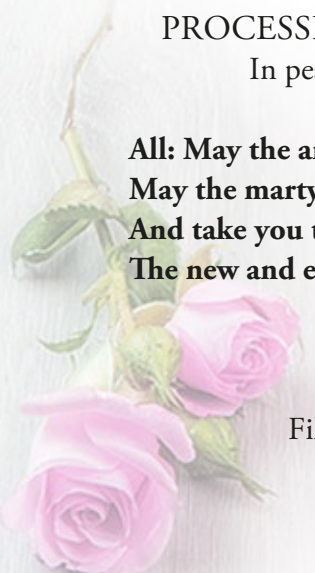
Fill Your Hearts With Joy And Gladness

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



## SECOND READING

read by Robert Bradbury

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.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

read by Robert Bradbury

*All stand*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
That whoever believes in the Son  
Shall have eternal life,  
And that I shall raise him up on the last day.

**Alleluia!**

## COMMUNION RITE

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil.  
Graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy,  
We may be always free from sin and safe from all distress  
As we await the blessed hope and the coming our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

## THE PEACE

**All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*If you do not normally receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church,  
you are very welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.  
Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms in front of  
your chest when you approach the priest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Be Still, For The Presence Of the Lord

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All respond: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All respond: It is right and just.**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Mystery of Faith

**All respond: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All respond: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

**All respond: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.’

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

**All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

Father Andrew

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL  
read by a friend from St John's Parish  
*Priest's opening prayer*

Let us pray for the comfort and consolation of Theresa'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, especially Theresa's husband Ron  
and son Paul, 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 Theresa's life, and continue those qualities in their own.

Lord hear us.

**All respond: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For Theresa, who began eternal life with Jesus in Baptism, that our  
merciful and loving God will grant Theresa 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.'**

*Priest's closing prayer*

OFFERTORY MUSIC  
Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace