

Day is Done

Day is done but love unfailing, dwells ever here.
Shadows fall but hope prevailing, calms every fear.
Loving Father, none forsaking,
take our hearts of love's own making,
watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
be always near.

Dark descends but light unending, shines through our night.
You are with us, ever lending new strength to sight.
one in love your faith confessing,
one in hope of Heaven's blessing,
may we see in love's possessing,
love's endless light.

Service of Remembrance

Sacred Heart Church Clones

Friday 13th November 2020



The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to
let me be your servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other,
walk the mile and bear the load.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God, the death of our loved ones
recalls our human condition and the shortness
of our lives on earth.
But for those who believe in your love
death is not the end, nor does it destroy
the memories that unite us as family in our lifetime.
We share the faith of your Son's disciples
and the hope of the children of God
that our loved ones are sharing in the glory
of Christ's resurrection.
God of the living and the dead
accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and
are buried with him in the hope of rising again.
Since they were true to your name on earth,
let them praise you forever in the joy of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

A Reflection: What our loved ones might be saying to us.

When I am Gone

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years.
I gave you my love. You can only guess
how much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
but now it's time I travelled on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while we must part
so bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say welcome home.

Blessing:

May the God of all consolation bless you,
for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human race,
and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
he has given believers the hope of rising again.

Amen

To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins,
and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.

Amen

So may we all live happily for ever with Christ,
whom we believe truly rose from the dead.

Amen

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and Son and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen

Abide with me

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, oh, 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, oh, 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

BEREAVEMENT PRAYER

Lord in our grief, comfort us;
Lord in our distress, sustain us;
Lord in our searching, lead us;
Lord in our despair, speak to us;
Lord in our loneliness, befriend us;
Lord in our anguish, give us peace.

Lord thank you for your presence.
Thank you for your healing touch.
Thank you for teaching us your ways.
Be a friend to us always.

Amen

P: A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

'The truth I have now come to realise', he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ—but Jesus Christ is Lord of all people, and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name'.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long:

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. (R)

So I will bless you all my life,

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

You have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you:

your right hand holds me fast. (R)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the resurrection and life,

says the Lord,

whoever believes in me will never die.

Alleluia!

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus said, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light'.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Dear friends, at the very beginning of our scriptures we read that God looked each day at creation and saw how good it was. The very dust of the earth is good in God's eyes. From it we came and to it we return. The human spirit comes from God and returns to God. What is to be, in the new creation, is in the hands of our God who chose to create us. The mortal remains of our loved ones lie buried in the graves that we visit and tend, but we carry with us their memory and we commend their spirit into the everlasting care of God the creator.

(List of Names)

We remember in love those who have died and for whom we light a candle.

(Remembering loved ones by name and lighting candles in their memory)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God the Almighty Father, raised his son Jesus Christ from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save us and all his people, living and dead.

For ourselves, that this celebration of Memorial Service may help us become more aware of the sufferings of others and help us reach out to them in their needs.

Lord, hear us

For those we have remembered by lighting a candle, that the light of God's face may shine on them and bring them peace.

Lord, hear us

For all who are joined in this celebration, that we grow in the belief that one day we will be reunited with our loved ones in the Kingdom of Heaven .

Lord, hear us

For other deceased family members, relatives and friends.

Lord, hear us

For those whose names have been written down and are being included in the November Masses.

Lord, hear us

For those whose faith was known to you alone, that they may have light, happiness and peace

Lord, Hear Us

For those who don't have anyone to remember and pray for them.

Lord, hear us

For those who have died in recent days (names)

Lord, hear us.

**God, our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cry of your people:
hear the prayers we offer for our departed sisters and
brothers. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the
fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen**