

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*Shirley Louisa Byrt*

25TH AUGUST 1926 - 6TH APRIL 2022



SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, ARMIDALE  
11AM TUESDAY, 26TH APRIL 2022

## OPENING HYMN *Amazing Grace*

*Sung by Patrick, Daniel & Tim Cody*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home  
The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

Traditional

## GREETINGS

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.     **People:** And with your spirit.

## SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN & PLACING OF THE PALL

In the waters of baptism,  
Shirley died with Christ and rose with him to new life.  
May she now share with him eternal glory.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God and Father,  
it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from  
the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.  
Grant that through this mystery, Shirley, who has gone to her rest in  
Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (25:6-9)**

*Read by Terry Byrt*

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 forever. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23**

*Sung by Patrick, Daniel & Tim*

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.

And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS (14:7-9)**

*Read by Jenny Minnis*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we be long to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you  
since the foundation of the world.

Alleluia, alleluia!

## A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (JN 14:1-6)

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## HOMILY





## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

**Aaron:** For Shirley, a child of God and heir to the Kingdom, that she may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. Establish her in light and peace and call her to happiness in the company of all the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Sanaya:** The family and friends of Shirley seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Let us pray to the Lord.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Samuel:** For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Mitchell:** For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Let us pray to the Lord.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Kiara:** For the doctors, nurses, and the care staff at Autumn Lodge who cared for Shirley, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

Let us pray to the Lord.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Brielle:** That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.

Let us pray to the Lord.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus*

*Organist Kath Russell*



## 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. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION HYMN Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

*Sung by Patrick, Daniel & Tim*

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you  
Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
and where there's sadness ever joy  
O Master grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console  
to be understood as to understand  
to be loved as to love with all my soul  
Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
in giving to all men that we receive  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life

Temple S & MHW

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Annette and Philip*

## REFLECTION SONG Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

*Sung by Patrick, Daniel & Tim Cody*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death. Amen.

*Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.*

You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

*Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.*

Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts

Carey Landry & OCP



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we have received the pledge of eternal life.  
Hear the prayers we offer for Shirley.  
Freed from the limitations of this life,  
may she be one with all the redeemed  
in the joy of eternal life.  
This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FINAL COMMENDATION Invitation to Prayer

**Priest:** Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister.  
May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and  
strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the  
love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

## SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God come to her aid!  
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

**R.** Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. **R**

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon her. **R**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Shirley in the  
sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she  
will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings  
which you bestowed upon Shirley in this life: they are signs to us of your  
goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord,  
turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your  
servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of  
faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister  
forever. **R. Amen**



## RECESSIONAL HYMN Danny Boy

*Sung by Patrick*

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling  
From glen to glen, and down the mountainside.  
The summer's gone and all the flowers are dying  
'Tis you, 'tis you, must go and I must bide.  
But come ye back, when summer's in the meadow.  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow.  
'Tis I'll be here, in sunshine or in shadow,  
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.

And if you come, and all the flowers are dying  
And I am dead – as dead I well may be.  
You'll come and find the place where I am lying  
And kneel and say an Ave there for me.  
And I shall hear though soft you tread above me  
And all my dreams will warmer, sweeter be.  
For you will bend and whisper that you love me  
Then I shall live in peace until you come to me.

*In lieu of flowers the family kindly request  
donations be made to Autumn Lodge Armidale.*



*The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts,  
prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support. The family warmly invite you to  
share light refreshments at the Armidale City Bowling Club following the service.*



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