

Final Commendation and Farewell

Evelyn Merle Griffith

12th July 1934 - 10th December 2021



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*Saints Mary and Joseph Cathedral, Armidale
2.00pm Friday, 17th December 2021*

ENTRANCE HYMN “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

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 need
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.

SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN

PLACING OF THE PALL

Jacob, Andrew and Chloe

PLACING OF SYMBOLS AND MEMENTOS - PHOTO AND SCHOOL BELL

Debra and Vanessa

OPENING PRAYER



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION (14:13)

Read by Matthew Griffith

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, "Write it down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

The Word of the Lord. **Response:** Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

To be sung

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by

My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for his own name's sake

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be



A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2 TIM4:6-8)

Read by Stephen Griffith

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil at tempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
That all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life
again on the last day.

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

All to be seated

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Michael Griffith

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:

For Evelyn 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.

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

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ.

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

That all of us, Evelyn's family and friends, may be comforted in our grief.

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

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.

For all who cared for Evelyn, at BUPA and Autumn Lodge, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

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

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION OF GIFTS

Jake and Chloe

OFFERTORY HYMN “Trinity Song”

Father, in my life I see, you are God who walks with me
You hold my life in your hands, close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to you, help me, Father, to be true

Jesus, in my life I see, you are God who walks with me
You hold my life in Your hands, close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to You, help me, Jesus, to be true

Spirit, in my life I see, you are God who walks with me
You hold my life in Your hands, close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to You, help me, Spirit, to be true

COMMUNION HYMN “Ave Maria”

Sung by Sarah Adeney

Ave Maria Gratia plena
Maria Gratia plena
Ave, ave dominus
Dominus tecum

Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui
Ventris tui Jesus

Ave Maria
Ave Maria Mater dei
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Ora, ora pro nobis
Ora ora pro nobis peccatoribus

Nunc et in hora mortis
In hora mortis, mortis nostrae
In hora mortis nostrae
Ave Maria!

COMMUNION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Kerrie Griffith

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, Evelyn 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 Evelyn 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 "As Gentle As Silence"

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see, He has given to me,
And his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways,
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle as silence.



The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers, expressions of sympathy and support. Please join us to share afternoon tea upstairs in Function Room 2 at the Armidale Ex-Services Club following the service.



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