

REQUIEM MASS



DONALD "DON" BARRY KING

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SAINTS MARY & JOSEPH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, ARMIDALE
2PM MONDAY, 12TH APRIL 2021

You can shed tears that he has gone

Or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,

Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,

Or you can be full of the love 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 him and only that he is gone,

Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,

be empty and turn your back.

Or you can do what he'd want.

Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

- David Harkins



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN - *Strong & Constant*

I will be your God who walks with you,
You will be always within my hand,
take your heart and give it all to me!

*Strong and constant is my love,
strong and constant is my love!*

Should you wander far away from me,
I will search for you in every land,
should you call then you will truly know!

Strong and constant...

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come! I will embrace your heart,
through your pain you will discover me!

Strong and constant...

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 WITH HOLY WATER

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

PLACING OF THE PALL AND SYMBOLS

Maree King & Teresa Turner

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, Don, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Read by Janine Turner

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.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 23)

Sung by Alan Wilkinson

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.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd...

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd...

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.

The Lord is my shepherd...

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CORINTHIANS (13: 1 - 13)

Read by Rebekah Rawlings

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels,
but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may
boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails.

But where there are prophecies, they will cease;
where there are tongues, they will be stilled;
where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.
When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child,
I reasoned like a child. When I became a man,
I put the ways of childhood behind me.

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;
then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part;
then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *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!

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (5: 1 - 12)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.

There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.

Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle, they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn, they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right, they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful, they shall have mercy shown to them.

Happy the pure in heart, they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers, they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right,
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you

and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ!*

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

*Read by Dominic Rice, Joshua Turner,
Luke Rice, Isabel Rawlings & Jacinta Rice*

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 Don, a child of God and heir to the Kingdom, that he may be held secure in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

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

For Don's family, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

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

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for Don. Let us pray that God will strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of the coming of Christ.

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

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

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

For all the doctors, nurses and all those who cared for Don, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

We 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.

People: *Amen.*

OFFERTORY HYMN - *Ave Maria*
Sung by Constance Dunham

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.

COMMUNION HYMN - *Come As You Are*

Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart loved and forgiven
Come as you are why stand alone?
No need to fear love sets no limits
No need to fear love never ends
Don't run away shamed and disheartened
Rest in my love trust me again.
I came to call sinners not just the virtuous
I came to bring peace not to condemn
Each time you fail to live by my promise
Why do you think I'd love you the less?
Come as you are, that's how I love you
Come as you are, trust me again
Nothing can change the love that I bear you
All will be well just come as you are.

COMMUNION HYMN - *Prayer of St Francis*

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.

Oh, 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 of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

REFLECTION HYMN

“Amazing Grace” - David Parkes

Played by Janine Turner



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we have received the pledge of eternal life.

Hear the prayers we offer for Don.

Freed from the limitations of this life, may he be one with all the redeemed in the joy of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Bianca Rice

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Don.

May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our

sadness and strengthen our hope. One day, we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

Response: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Response: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Response: *Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.*



PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Don in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon him 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 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 Don for ever.

People: *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust."

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

And he will raise you up...

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

And he will raise you up...

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up...



Don's family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support. We will say our final farewells to Don here at the church before the hearse leaves for a private cremation. Please come and join us for refreshments at the Armidale Ex-Services Memorial Club.



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