

FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

Margaret Patricia McMahon

30TH MAY 1931 - 23RD APRIL 2021



PIDDINGTONS FUNERAL CHAPEL, ARMIDALE
2.30PM WEDNESDAY, 28TH APRIL 2021.

Opening Hymn: “Ave Maria” Franz Schubert

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!

Greetings

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

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

Sprinkling with Holy Water

In the waters of baptism, Margaret 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, Margaret,
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 book of Prophet Micah

read by Margaret's Granddaughter, Melissa Gunn

With what shall I enter the Lord's presence and bow down
before God all High? Shall I enter with burnt offerings, will he
be pleased with rams by the thousand? And with rivers with oil?
You already know what is right and what God wants of you. Only this:
To act justly, To love tenderly, And to walk humbly with your God.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm (23)

read by Margaret's Granddaughter, Teri McMahon and Grandson Beau McMahon

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *Response*

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. *Response*

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

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. *Response*

A Reading from the Book of Apocalypse (14:13)

read by Margaret's Granddaughters Angela and Lisa Dowdell

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.

All: 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!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

All: 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: 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.

Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

In baptism Margaret received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead her over the waters of death.

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

The family and friends of Margaret 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

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

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

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially Francis Roy McMahan, Julie and Billy Witherdin.

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

For the doctors, nurses, carers, and staffs at McMaugh Gardens Uralla and the Armidale Public Hospital who cared for Margaret, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

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.

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.

Words of Remembrance: Margaret's Son in Law, Gary Dowdell

Reading: Make me a Channel of your Peace (To be read)

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'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.

Reflection Music: *"Unchained Melody"* The Righteous Brothers

Song of Farewell

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

Response: 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.

Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend Margaret 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 her 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 our sister Margaret forever.

Recessional Hymn: *“Amigos para Siempre”* Jose Carreras

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.



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