

Mass of Christian Burial in loving memory of

Zita Denholm



Born 29th May 1933

Born into Eternal Life 22nd March 2024



Sacred Heart Koorinal
Tuesday, 2 April 2024 at 1.30pm

Presiding: Bishop Mark Edwards OMI
Principal Celebrant: Fr Andrew Grace
with concelebrating priests

ORGANIST
Marg Adams
CHOIR
Sacred Heart

(please stand)

ENTRANCE HYMN 'Faith and Hope and Love'

Refrain

In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map, our road
To the Father's high abode.

Refrain

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Refrain

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end.

Refrain

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord.

Refrain

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

All: **Amen.**

Father: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

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

OPENING PRAYER

Father; O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Zita, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Read by Natasha Margetic

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 52:7-10

Rejoice, for the Lord is consoling his people

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cantor Madeline Oldaker

Trusting Psalm

Response: You know the way for me, you know the time. Into your hands I trustingly place mine. Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love, You know the way, your way is love.

SECOND READING

Read by Zita Horton

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5:1,6-10)

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

We know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.



(please stand to greet the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: *Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia*

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord: He who believe in Me will not die forever.

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit**

Father: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12)

All: **Glory to You O Lord**

Father: *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

All : **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(please be seated)

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Father: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Reader: We pray that Zita, Mum, Grandma, Mrs D, may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we thank you for the gift of bringing Zita into our lives. She taught us about faith, love, friendship, courage, responsibility and helping others. May she be held in God's loving embrace for all eternity.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Zita's husband David and all the family members and friends of Zita who have gone before. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all of Zita's family, relatives and friends who have gathered here today and those present via livestreaming. May we be comforted in our grief.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Andrew Denholm, Imogen Oldaker, Michael White

OFFERTORY HYMN 'One Bread, One Body'

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the Earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew,
Servant or free,
Woman or man,
No more.

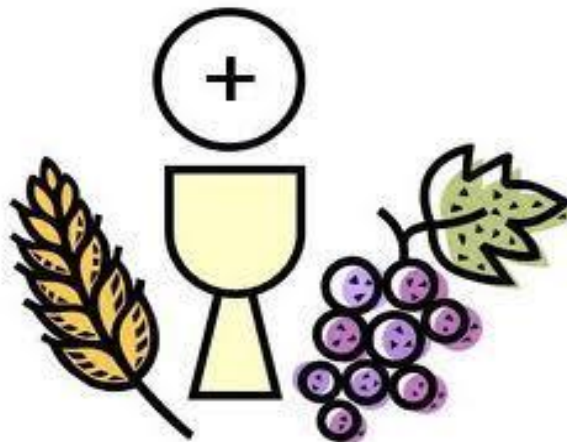
Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord,
Of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain



INVITATION TO PRAYER

Father: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYERS OVER THE GIFTS

Father: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Zita, we beseech your mercy that she, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

(please stand)

PREFACE

(please kneel)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Father: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Father: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

MYSTERY OF FAITH (sung)

All: **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.
Amen Amen**

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

Father: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that,
by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we wait the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

(please kneel)

SIGN OF PEACE

Father: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Father: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Father: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All:
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Father: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN 'Seed, Scattered and Sown'

Refrain:

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
Wine, work of our hands,
One cup that is shared by all;
The living cup, the living bread of God.

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?

Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured? ***Refrain***

The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die

The seed within good ground will flower and have life. ***Refrain***

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,

So may the church of God be gathered into one. ***Refrain***

REFLECTION HYMN

'Christmas Country for Wheat Country' Cousins Choir

(Composed by Zita Denholm)

(please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father: Let us pray. Lord God, whose Son left us in the sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Zita may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.** *(please sit)*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: Anne White, Madeline Oldaker.

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

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

(please stand)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

‘Eagles Wings’

Refrain

I have carried you on eagle’s wings!

I will care for you in all your years!

My heart is full of peace;

You have been within my life!

Your guiding hand has always covered me

I am full of confidence in You! ***Refrain***

My soul is like a child,

Cradled safe within your arms!

You have carried me across my years!

Leading me thru’ sorrow and thru’ joy. ***Refrain***

You have bridged the flowing streams,

And moved aside the mountains tall!

You have kept me through the stormy past

I know that you secure and guide me still! ***Refrain***

Never need I be afraid!

No matter how uncertain things may be!

Sometimes thru’ me, sometimes in spite of me,

You seem to find your purpose in my life! ***Refrain***

I know failure in my life.

The weakness so central to my heart!

When I have strayed or fallen in my life

You gently set me on my feet again! ***Refrain***



*Zita's family would like to express their deep gratitude
for your prayers and attendance today.*

*You are invited to join Zita's family for light refreshments at
The Blamey Hotel at 55 Main St, Lake Albert,
following committal prayers at the Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery.*



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