

A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF

Margaret Patricia Keane

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ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL
TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2024 AT 10:30AM
CELEBRANT: FATHER O'REILLY

Organist

Marg Adamas

Cantor

Michael Jones

OPENING HYMN ‘How Great thou Art’

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art.
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **Refrain**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the Cross, My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin. **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, How great thou art! **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.**

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Father: When Margaret was baptised, she was baptised into the life and death of Jesus. Now that she has ended her journey of faith, we sprinkle her coffin with water that is holy as a reminder of Christ's promise of everlasting life.

All: **May Christ now enfold her in his love and bring her to eternal life.**

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE

Lit by Patrick Keane

Father: In Baptism, Margaret received the light of Christ. She walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in her heart.

All: **May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome her into the kingdom of light and peace.**

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Margaret Maher

OPENING PRAYER

Father: "Father, we come before you today with humble hearts. We praise you for your goodness and mercy. We thank you for your many blessings in our lives. We ask for your guidance and wisdom as we go through today's Mass service. Help us to open our hearts and minds to hear from you."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Read by Gabrielle Maher

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born; And a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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,
Ev'n for his own names sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For though 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.

SECOND READING

Read by Sarah Keane

A reading the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (4:6-8)

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand to greet the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: 'Alleluia Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Father: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

All: **Glory to You O Lord**

Father: And Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Read by Luke Maher, Patrick Maher

Father: God our Father raised Jesus from the dead and he will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to Him in faith.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings you gave Margaret during her life. May she now receive the fullness of joy with you forever.

We pray to the Lord,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Margaret's family. May they find comfort and peace as they grieve, light in a time of darkness , and faith.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who cared for Margaret, that their works of service and kindness may be richly rewarded.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all the deceased members of our families we ask your light and peace. May all of us be united with them in eternal life.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Father: Loving Father, you govern all things wisely and with great love. Listen to our prayers and lead us through Your Spirit to complete joy and communion with you.

We make this prayer through Christ your Son.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION Rebecca Maher, Sharlene Cottrell

OFFERTORY HYMN 'One Bread, One Body'

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.

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

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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

All: **Amen.**

PREFACE

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Father: The mystery of faith.

All: **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. Amen.
- 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 await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for
ever.
- 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.

BREAKING OF BREAD

- 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.

O 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.

Refrain

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. **Refrain**

REFLECTION HYMN

'Gentle Woman'

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.

Refrain

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. **Refrain**

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

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 Margaret, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

FINAL COMMENDATION

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

SONG OF FAREWELL

Father: Saints of God, come to her aid. Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

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

Father: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself; may angels lead you to the arms of Jesus.

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

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

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

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Father: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister 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.

Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Father: May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

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".

Refrain

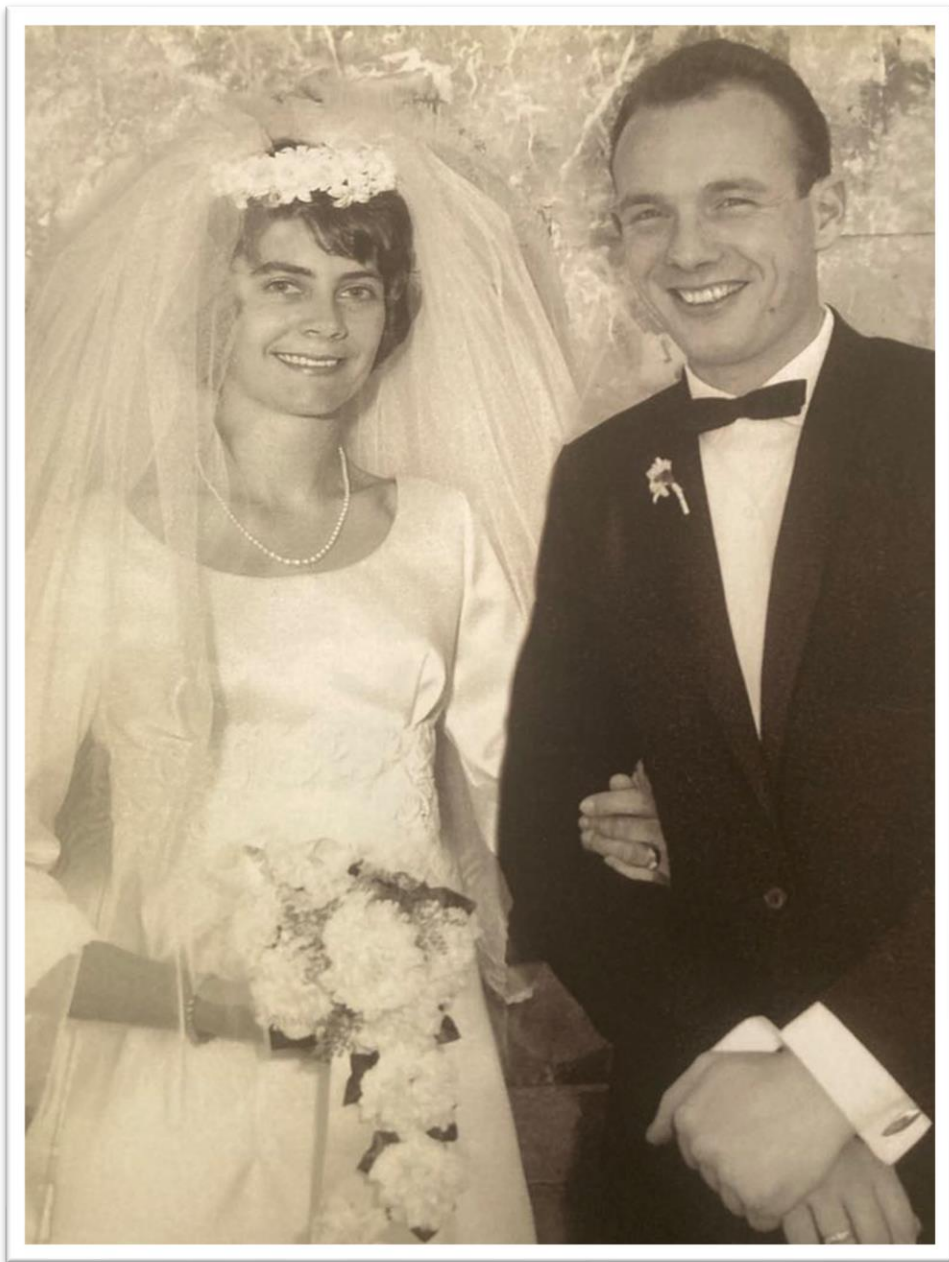
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And the famine will bring you no fear
Under his wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**





Margaret's family thank you for your prayers, thoughts and support at this difficult time.

Following committal Prayers at the Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery, the family invite you to join them at 'The Lawson', Tarcutta Street, to share refreshments and memories of their beloved Margaret.



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