

*A Mass of thanksgiving to
celebrate the life of*



Mary Catherine Greasley

9th September 1957 - 19th August 2021

Wednesday 15th September 2021

St Alban's Catholic Church at 2.00 pm

followed by burial at Dale Hill Natural Burial Ground

Service conducted by Father David Cain

Order of Service

Entrance Hymn I Watch The Sunrise

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

Chorus:
But you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel your brightness near me.

Chorus: For you are always...

I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.

Chorus: For you are always ...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest
Only your peace is near me.

Chorus: Yes you are always ...



First Reading

A reading from the book of wisdom,
Chapter 4: verses 7-15

The souls of the virtuous are in the hand of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die. Their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with Him; He has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in Him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with Him in love; for grace and mercy await those He has chosen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord Is My Shepherd

**The response is: The Lord is my Shepherd
there is nothing I shall want.**

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.

**Response: 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.

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

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

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

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord,
Forever singing your praise.
Alleluia.

The Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

The Bidding Prayers

Dear Lord,

Please welcome Aunty Mary to heaven with open arms,
for she was a very loving and kind person.

Please make sure Mary knows she is always loved.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Dear Lord,

Let us not forget to pray for all those who
are effected by the loss of

Aunty Mary.

May God console us all in our grief and
heal the pain we feel at this time.

Lord, hear us

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Dear Lord,

Aunty Mary was a kind, caring person
who was always there for everyone.

Now we must ask you to help us return
the love which she has bestowed on us.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Dear Lord,,

We thank you for the life of our beloved Aunty Mary and all the
wonderful times we shared with her.

We will always be grateful that we had the opportunity to know her.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.



Offertory Hymn
As I Kneel Before You

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love.

Chorus:
Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

Chorus: Ave Maria ...

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.

Chorus: Ave Maria ...

Communion Hymn
Walk With Me, Oh My Lord

Chorus:

*Walk with me, oh my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day.
Be at my side, oh Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.*

Sometimes the road seems long, my energy is spent.
Then, Lord, I think of you, and I am given strength.

Chorus: Walk with me...

Stones often bar my path, and there are times I fall,
But you are always there, to help me when I call.

Chorus: Walk with me...

Just as you calmed the wind, and walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord, the storms that threaten me.

Chorus: Walk with me...

Help me to pierce the mists that cloud my heart and mind,
So that I shall not fear the steepest mountain side.

Chorus: Walk with me...

As once you helped the lame, and gave sight to the blind,
Help me when I'm downcast to hold my head up high.

Chorus: Walk with me...

Eulogy

Final Commendation

Final Hymn

Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love,
Interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace,
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm
O still small voice of calm.

David and Danny, and all of Mary's family, would like to express their thanks for your kindness at this time and for your attendance here today.
You are invited for refreshments after the burial (4.30 pm) at:
Spondon Village Club, Spondon DE21 7JP.



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