



In Loving Memory of

Mary Christine Eaton

28th February 1951 - 7th April 2025



City of London Crematorium
Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 3.00 pm



Entrance Music

Happy Together

by The Turtles

Traditional Sentences

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5: 4

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Lamentations 3: 22 - 23

We have come here today to remember before God our sister Mary;
To give thanks for her life;
To commend her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;
To commit her body to be cremated,
And to comfort one another in our grief.

Welcome and Introduction

by Father Bernard Eaton

Eulogy – Family Tribute

by Mark Eaton

Hymn

All Things Bright And Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Psalm 23

by Father Bernard

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Period of Reflection

*a montage of images and highlights from Mary's life
with musical accompaniment*

Address

by Father Bernard

Intercessions

God of mercy, Lord of life,

You have made Mary and all of us in your image, to reflect your truth and light;

We give you thanks for her, for the grace and mercy she received from you,

For all that was good in her life, for the memories we treasure today.

You promised eternal life to those who believe.

Remember for good this your servant Mary as we also remember her.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death.

Look in mercy on Andrew, on Mark and Rebeca, on Jennifer and Greg,

On Mary's grandchildren, on the wider family on all who mourn.

Give them patient faith in times of darkness.

Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Collect

Eternal God and Father,
we praise you that you have made people to share life together
and to reflect your glory in the world.

We thank you now for Mary,
for all that we saw of your goodness and love in her life
and for all that she means to each one of us.

As we too journey towards death
may we do so in the company of Jesus,
who came to share our life
that we might share the life of eternity.
To him be glory with you and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father,
which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Commendation

Let us commend Mary to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Almighty God,
as you bring us face to face with our mortality,
we thank you for making each one of us in your own image
and giving us gifts in body, mind and spirit.
We thank you now as we honour the memory of Mary,
whom you gave to us and have taken away.
We entrust her to your mercy,
and pray that you will show us the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence
through all eternity.

Amen.

The Committal

We have entrusted our sister Mary to God's mercy,
and we now commit her body to be cremated:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our frail bodies
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,
who died, was buried, and rose again for us.
To him be glory for ever.

Amen.

Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Final Music

The Best
by Tina Turner



Andrew and the family would like me to thank all of you for coming today, especially those who have travelled from a distance. They think that Mary too would have been delighted that you are all here.

The family would like to extend a warm invitation for you to join them for refreshments at Woodford Bowling Club', King's Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0JA.

Donations in memory of Mary received on behalf of The Michael J. Fox Foundation and Cancer Research UK via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mary-michaeljfox> or <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mary-cancer-research>



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