

FISHER  **HOUSE**

REQUIEM MASS



ANN ELIZABETH TAYLOR

5 September 1956 - 20 August 2020

Celebrant:
Fr Philip Moller SJ.

Organist: Philip Beer
Soloist: Rachel Howe

RECEPTION OF THE COFFIN

Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine
Et lux perpetua luceat ei: Requiescat in pace.

*Grant her eternal rest, Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.*

WELCOME

Michael Kelly

COLLECT

O God, it is your nature always to forgive and to show mercy; we humbly implore you for your servant, Ann, whom you have called to yourself. Since she hoped and believed in you, grant that she may now be led to our true home, to delight in its everlasting joys. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven: A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted. A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building. A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning, a time for dancing. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

So far then we have seen that, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love, If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

Fr Philip Moller SJ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord,
so that your servant, Ann
may be taken up into glory with your Son,
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

In coming forward to Holy Communion, please wait in your places to be directed by the stewards.

If you are not Catholic, or do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, your Son left us in the Sacrament of his Body,
food for our journey.

Mercifully grant that, strengthened by this food,
our sister, Ann, may come to Christ's eternal banquet.

Who lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen

ADDRESS: Michael Kelly
Constance Kelly

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Ann, and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Ann again and enjoy her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Ann, 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 on Ann 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 to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you, and our sister, for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem.
Dona eis domine, dona eis requiem,
sempiternam requiem.

*Merciful Jesus Lord,
grant them rest,
grant them eternal rest.*

*From the Requiem
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

AT THE CREMATORIUM

INVITATION TO PRAYER

We gather her to commend our sister Ann to God our Father and commit her body to be cremated. In the spirit of faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead let us offer our prayers for Ann.

We read in sacred Scripture:
Come, you whom my Father has blessed says the Lord;
Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

Almighty and ever-living God,
remember the love with which you graced
your servant Ann in this life.
Receive her, we pray, into the mansion of the saints.
look with favour on those who mourn and comfort them in their loss.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMITTAL

Because God has chose to call our sister Ann from this life to himself
we commit her body to be cremated,
for we are dust, and unto dust we shall return.
But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies
to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the first-born from the dead.
So let us commend our sister Ann to the Lord,
that the Lord may embrace her in peace
and raise up her body on the last day.

LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of holiness and power, accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Ann; do not count her deeds against her, for in her heart she desired to do your will. As her faith united her to your people on earth, so may your mercy join her to angels in heaven.