

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

Thursday 24th August, 2023

Requiem Eucharist for Catherine Marsland Clarke

Today we surround Catherine with the symbols of her faith and ours and to bid her farewell. She was received into church yesterday evening.

Please sit quietly with her in church as we wait for the service to begin.

Toilets are through the far door and up the ramp, then left. Hearing aid users should turn devices to the T position. If you require a gluten free wafer at holy communion, please speak to the sidespeople.

*This leaflet contains all that you need to join in the service. Hymns are not announced. Words in **bold print** are spoken or sung by all.*

When the bell rings please stand. Please join in:

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Bianco di Siena (1134)

Please remain standing after the hymn. The president today is the Revd Richard Young.

*The president greets the people and introduces the requiem:
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

We have come here today
to remember before God our sister Catherine:
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.

After a moment of silence:

God of all consolation,
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Look with compassion on your children in their loss;
give to troubled hearts the light of hope
and strengthen in us the gift of faith,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the father of all mercies,
the God of all consolation be with you.
And also with you.

God showed his love for us in this:
that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us
and showed us the gate of eternal life.

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

THE COLLECT: the prayer for a funeral

Let us pray.

The president says the funeral Collect.

At the end we say:

Amen.

Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word and tributes.

A remembrance tribute to Catherine from her friend, Dr Donna Greenhalgh.

READING Revelation 21.1-7*Read by Mike Spencer.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

At the end: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn:

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven to earth come down,
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesu, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
 Visit us with thy salvation,
 enter every trembling heart.**

**Come almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
 Suddenly return and never,
 never more thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
 pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation,
 perfectly restored in thee;
 Changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley

GOSPEL READING: John 20.1-2, 11-18

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Please sit down for the sermon.

The preacher today is the Revd Dr Caroline Hewitt.

After the sermon there will be a time of silent reflection.

Then please STAND for the Prayers of intercession.

After each section:



Cantor: Lord hear_ us, *All:* Lord_ gra - cious - ly hear_ us.

At the end:

Lord, we commend Catherine and all who have died to your unfailing love, that in them, your will may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Amen.

The president introduces the Peace:

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
 Not as the world gives do I give to you.
 Do not let your hearts be troubled,
 neither let them be afraid.
 The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace. Then please join in:

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia, his the triumph,
 his the victory alone:
 hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus out of every nation
 hath redeemed us by his blood.
 Alleluia, not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now;
 alleluia, he is near us,
 faith believes, nor questions how:
 though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic feast.**

The bread and wine are brought to the altar.

The president says prayers over them to which we respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic prayer follows.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The prayer continues, thanking God for his saving works, then inviting the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

..... for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.**

The president asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and cup.....

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ:
**Dying you destroyed our death;
rising you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The president continues, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself.

At the end of the prayer the president says:

.....all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:

**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;
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We sit or kneel as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God,

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Those who wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing approach the altar. Communicant members of other churches are invited to receive Holy Communion. Receiving from the chalice remains optional. During communion, please join in:

**Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt -
fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height
to prove, here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*When all have who wish to have received Holy Communion
or a blessing, there is a time of stillness and quiet.
Then all please STAND with the President.*

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.

Almighty God,
we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and have given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet.

**Grant that this sacrament
may be to us a comfort in affliction
and a pledge of our inheritance
in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but the fulness of joy with all your saints,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

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

*Catherine's coffin is censed and sprinkled with water
as a sign of our baptism into the death and resurrection
of Christ. Then the president leads the Commendation:*

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

May our farewell express our affection for her,
may it ease our sadness
and strengthen our hope.

One day we shall joyfully greet her again,
when the love of Christ
which conquers all things,
destroys even death itself.

Silent prayer follows, ending with:

Go forth upon your journey from this world,

O Christian soul:

in the peace of him in whom you have believed;
in the name of God the Father who created you;
in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for you;
in the name of the Holy Spirit, who strengthened you.

Into the realms of light may the angels lead you.

At your coming,

may all the saints of God welcome you.

May your portion this day be in gladness and peace
and your dwelling in paradise.

Go forth upon your journey, O Christian soul.

Amen.

Please remain standing for the final hymn:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy,
bring the whole church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

*Immediate family and friends accompany the coffin to
the Crematorium for the Committal.*

*Refreshments will be served in church straight after this
service, and all are invited to stay.*

Donations in Catherine's memory may be made to St Ann's Hospice, or to Dentaïd, c/o Owen Baker Funeral Services, 523 Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4BA.
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