

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Friday May 6th 2022

The Funeral of Judith Margaret Godfrey

29th November, 1944 – 8th April, 2022

Welcome to Holy Innocents.

Please be still and silent as we prepare together
to make our farewells to Judith in this requiem Eucharist.

This is the day when we do the three things
that we can do for those who have died:
we pray for them, remember them,
and look after those who are left.

Today we surround Judith with the symbols of our faith and hers,
and commit her to God's safe keeping.

Judith was received into church from her family home yesterday evening.

Farewell my Friends

It was beautiful as long as it lasted, the journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever save the pain I'll leave behind.

Those dear hearts who love and care...
and the strings pulling at the heart and soul.

The strong arms that held me up
when my own strength let me down.

At every turning of my life
I came across good friends,
friends who stood by me, even when the time raced by me...

Farewell, farewell my friends
- I smile and bid you goodbye.

No, shed no tears for I need them not - all I need is your smile.

If you feel sad do think of me for that's what I'll like:
when you live in the hearts of those you love
- remember then, you never die.

RAVINDRANATH TAGORE

*The president and preacher today is the Revd Richard Young, Rector of Holy Innocents Church.
The organist is Andrew Gait, accompanying an augmented choir, conducted by Emyr Jones.
Movements from one of the family's favourite choral works, the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré form
the musical backdrop for this service. The soloists are Joanna Gait and Ravindra Mahapatra.
The oboe soloist is Mana Shibata.*

*All who are baptised are invited to receive Holy Communion, which will be given under the form of
bread only. Others are invited to receive a blessing. If you require a gluten free wafer, please
speak to the sidespeople.*

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*Toilets can be found up the ramp at the back of church and to the left.
For hearing aid users, please turn to the T setting to access the hearing loop.
Changing facilities for babies are available near the toilets.*

*Before the service starts, the choir sings the Kyrie from Faure's Requiem.
Please stand as the bell rings.
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.*

Please join in:

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!**

TIMOTHY DUDLEY SMITH b.1926

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.

May the Father of mercies,
the God of all consolation, be with you.

And also with you.

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

Almighty God, you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.

In your mercy turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven,
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

God our Father full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.

After a few moments of silent reflection, the president says:
May the God of love and power forgive us, free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **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 poem, and an introductory remembrance of Judith by members of her family
is followed by a short piece of instrumental music, *Ombra mai fù* (GF Handel)

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 3.1-8, read by Martin Godfrey.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes:

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.

At the end: This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 is sung by the choir to the setting by Howard Goodall

A further short tribute to Judith by members of her family.

Please stand to join in:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the first and the last says the Lord and the |living one;

I was dead and behold I am alive for |evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: John 14.1-6a

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

Prayers of intercession for Judith and her family follow. Please remain seated.

At the end of the prayers, the president says:

God of mercy,

entrusting into your hands all that you have made

and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,

we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Please stand. The president introduces the Peace:

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace 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:

Love's redeeming work is done; fought the fight the battle won;

Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er! Lo he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Christ has burst the gates of hell;

Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has conquered paradise.

Lives again our glorious king; where O death, is now thy sting?

Dying once, he all doth save; where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exulted head,

Made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given:

Thee we greet triumphant now; hail the Resurrection, thou!

CHARLES WESLEY 1707–1788

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:

The Sanctus (Holy, holy) from the Faure Requiem is sung by the choir.

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not let us enter into temptation,

but deliver us from evil,

for the kingdom, the power and the glory

are yours 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.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is sung by the choir.

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.

During communion, the choir sings the Pie Jesu and the Libera Me from the Fauré requiem.

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

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer:

Heavenly Father, in your son Jesus Christ

you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.

**Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Please join in:

**O thou who camest from above,
the fire celestial to impart:
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze;
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

CHARLES WESLEY 1707-88

At the end of the hymn, the president moves to stand by the coffin.

Please remain standing.

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

*Judith's coffin is censed and sprinkled with water
as a sign of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.*

*Members of the congregation are invited to come forward to sprinkle the coffin if they wish.
Then the president leads the Commendation:*

Let us commend Judith 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.

Then the president leads the farewell and blessing.

Judith, may the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem.
May choirs of angels welcome you
and lead you to eternal rest.

Amen.

May God the Father bring us to the home
which his Son prepares for all who love him.

Amen.

May God the Son give us the will to live for him each day in life eternal.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance
that our citizenship is in heaven
with the blessed and beloved,
and the whole company of the redeemed.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go, in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

*The final prayers of committal will now take place at Manchester Crematorium.
As the coffin is lifted, the choir sings the In Paradisum from the Fauré Requiem.*



Judith's family would like to invite everyone to join them for refreshments in a big tent in the garden at Moor Cottage, Grange Lane, Didsbury, M20 6RW after the service.

Please only turn into Grange Lane to drop off.
Parking may be found in the roads off Dean Road opposite the Shell garage or continue through Didsbury, past pubs and left at the lights into Didsbury Park and side roads. A short walk across Didsbury Park brings you to the end of Grange Lane.

Donations in memory of Judith are invited to support the pioneering cancer research work of the Christie Hospital.

There will be a retiring collection after the service, but if you prefer, you can make a donation here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/judithmgodfrey>

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At the Crematorium:

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great goodness.

As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place will know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever
toward those that fear him

- and his righteousness upon their children's children.

Judith has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.

We entrust her, with faith and hope in everlasting life,
to the love and mercy of our Father and surround her with our love and prayer.
In baptism, she was made by adoption a child of God.

At the eucharist she was sustained and fed.

God now welcomes her to his table in heaven

to share in eternal life with all the saints. **Amen.**

God be in my head, **and in my understanding;**

God be in my eyes, **and in my looking;**

God be in my mouth, **and in my speaking;**

God be in my heart, **and in my thinking;**

God be at my end, **and at my departing.**

We have entrusted our sister Judith 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.**

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says

to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,

be honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**



And into that gate they shall enter,
and in that house they shall dwell,
where there shall be no cloud nor sun,
no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light,
no noise nor silence,
but one equal music,
no foes nor friends,
but one equal communion and identity,
no ends nor beginnings,
but one equal eternity.

John Donne



