

*Funeral Mass in Thanksgiving for the Life of*



*Beth*

*Elizabeth Mary Ward*

*May 17, 1928 ~ June 24, 2021*

*Church of the Holy Cross, Goodwood*

*Monday, July 5, 2021*

*Celebrant: Rev Fr Tony Telford-Sharp*

# *Introductory Rites*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come As You Are

Browne

WELCOME

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Anthony Ward

OPENING PRAYER

## *Liturgy of the Word*

FIRST READING

Romans 8: 31 - 35, 37 - 39

Ruth Ward

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us?  
Since God did not spare his own Son,  
but gave him up to benefit us all,  
we may be certain, after such a gift,  
that he will not refuse anything he can give.  
Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen?  
When God acquits, could anyone condemn?  
Could Christ Jesus? No!  
He not only died for us -  
he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ,  
even if we are troubled or worried,  
or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes,  
or being threatened or even attacked.

These are the trials through which we triumph,  
by the power of Him who loved us.

For I am certain of this:  
neither death nor life, no angel, no prince,  
nothing that exists, nothing still to come,  
not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing,  
can ever come between us and the love of God  
made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

The response to the Psalm is,

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

*All: 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.

*All: 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.

*All: 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.

*All: 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.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 14: 13

*All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy are those who have died in the Lord, the Spirit says;  
Let them rest for ever from their labours,  
for their good deeds go with them.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

John 14: 1 - 6

Fr Tony Telford-Sharp

The Lord be with you.

*All: And with your spirit.*

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.

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

**HOMILY**

Fr Tony Telford-Sharp

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Beth’s grandchildren

*Fr Tony* Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead  
and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his church.  
Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus,  
we join our prayers to his.

Our grandmother Beth was nourished at the table of the Saviour.  
Welcome her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Beth spent her whole life following Jesus.  
Count her among all holy men and women who sing in your courts. Lord, in your mercy.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.  
Give refreshment, rest and peace to all those whose faith is known to you alone.  
Lord, in your mercy.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

We ask God to have mercy on all of our family and friends who have gone before us and we ask God to support those families who have lost loved ones. Lord, in your mercy.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

We ask the Lord to support and bless all those who struggle coming to terms with the limitations imposed by age and illness. Lord, in your mercy.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

We ask God to bless all those friends and relatives who have helped Beth in life, who mourn her in her passing and those present here today. Lord, in your mercy.

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fr Tony Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls,  
hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,  
and the voices of your people,  
whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.  
Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ  
and grant them a place in the kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All: Amen.*

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

*All: And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*All: We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All: It is right and just.*

## SANCTUS

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of hosts,  
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.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of faith.

*All: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*

### FINAL DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

*All: Amen.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*All: 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.*

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.*

### SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*All: And with your spirit.*

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

*Maintaining safe distancing, each person offers a greeting of peace to those nearby*

## AGNUS DEI

*All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## *Communion Rite*

### COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Ave Maria

Schubert

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### PHOTOGRAPHIC TRIBUTE

Prepared by Beth's grandson, Charles Worthington, and Helen Worthington.

## *Rite of Commendation and Farewell*

### BLESSING AND INCENSING OF THE COFFIN

### PRAYER OF COMMENDATION AND SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

*All: Receive her soul and present her to God, the Most High.*

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

*All: Receive her soul and present her to God, the Most High.*

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

*All: Receive her soul and present her to God, the Most High.*

### RECESSION

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

Hine



*Following Mass, the Committal will be held in the Catholic K Section  
of Centennial Park Cemetery, 760 Goodwood Road, Pasadena.  
You are all welcome to attend.*

*For anyone unable to attend the Committal,  
there will be an opportunity to bid farewell to Beth  
with a rose petal tribute at the rear of the hearse before it departs.*

*You are all invited to join the family after the Committal in the Wintergarden,  
at the Edinburgh Hotel, 7 High Street, Mitcham, for light refreshments.  
Please use the High Street entrance.*

*Pallbearers*

*Anthony Ward*

*Gerald Ward*

*Jedd Ward*

*Mingma Sherpa*

*Simon Ward*

*Nicholas Ward*



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