In Loving Memory of



Kathleen Mahon née Stafford 20th June 1944 – 20th July 2025

> 20th August 2025 at 12pm St. Peter's RC Church, Hove



# **Introductory Rites**

Canon David:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
All: Amen.

Canon David:

The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.
All: And with your spirit.

In the waters of baptism Kathleen died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

May she now share with him eternal glory.

# **Processional Hymn**

As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer, take this day, make it yours and fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

All I have I give you ev'ry dream and wish are yours. Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you, and I see your smiling face, ev'ry thought, ev'ry word is lost in your embrace.

## **Placing of the Christian Symbols**

Canon David:
In life Kathleen cherished the Gospel of Christ.
May Christ now greet her
with these words of eternal life: Come, blessed of my Father!

In baptism Kathleen received the sign of the cross. May she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

## **Opening Prayer**

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Revelation 21:1-4

Reader: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 24 (sung)

The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green, He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in you alone, And I will trust in you alone, For your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, And he anoints my head with oil; And my cup – it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

## Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia (sung)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will live forever.

Gospel: John 14: 1-6

Canon David: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Canon David: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(at the conclusion of the Gospel)

Canon David: The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## **Homily**

# **Bidding prayers**

Reader: Lord in your mercy All: Hear our prayer

Canon David: Now let us pray as Christ the Lord taught us:

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. Amen

#### Eulogy - Michala

## Dancing in the Sky - sung by Niamh Dyer

#### Final Commendation and Farewell

## **Recessional Hymn**

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky, casting its shadows near.

And on this morning bright though it be, I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me following all my ways.

May I be always close to you,
following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds, warming the earth below.

And at the mid-day life seems to say:

'I feel your brightness near me.'

For you are always ...

I watch the sunset fading away, lighting the clouds with sleep.

And as the evening closes its eyes I feel your presence near me.

For you are always...

I watch the moonlight guarding the night, waiting till morning comes.

The air is silent, earth is at rest only your peace is near me.

Yes, you are always ...

The service will conclude at Woodvale Crematorium followed by tea and cake at

Dobbies Garden Centre Restaurant, everybody is welcome to either or both.

Kathleen's family would like to thank you all for attending today, both in person and online, and for all your kind words, messages and support during this sad time. They would also like to offer special thanks to Jane and Rob for their great support and beautiful singing.

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