

Thanksgiving for the life of

Marie Josephine Keegan

23rd April 1932 – 29th December 2025



Requiem Mass
ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH
Thursday 22nd January 2026
12.30 pm

ENTRANCE MUSIC: 'Take Him Home'

Jump the Gun

GREETING THE PEOPLE

All make the sign of the cross as the Priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

HYMN

All: I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?
Chorus

Daniel L. Shutte

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause

You were sent to heal the contrite:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Priest: You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Priest: You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins and bring us to everlasting life

All: Amen

Priest: Let us pray:

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong,
hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Marie,
whom you have called out of this world; and
because she put her hope and trust in you,
command that she be carried safely home to
heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

All: Amen

PLEASE SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet
Isaiah (25:6-9)**

Reader: On that day: on this mountain the Lord of hosts will
make for all peoples a feast of rich food. And he
will swallow up on this mountain the covering that
is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over
all nations. He will swallow up death for ever;

And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; We have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM

All: **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be**

Psalm 23 from the Scottish Psalter, 1650

SECOND READING:

Reader: A reading from the first letter of St John (3:1-2)

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die
Alleluia! Alleluia**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord

Priest: At that time: seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst righteousness, they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven'.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PLEASE SIT

EULOGY:

HOMILY:

PLEASE STAND

INTERCESSIONS

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Reader: For Marie, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.
Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us**

Reader: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.
Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us**

Reader: For the family and friends of our sister Marie, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus
Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us**

Reader: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
Lord, hear us

All: **Lord, graciously hear us**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PLEASE SIT

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has

given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever

After the Priest washes his hands he then addresses the congregation:

PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Marie, we beseech your mercy, that she, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right and just

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

**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**

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

When the Priest invites the Congregation:

Priest: The mystery of faith

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free

When the Priest says;

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever

All: Amen

COMMUNION RITE

PLEASE STAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ

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

THE RITE OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you peace, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever

All: Amen

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Priest: Lamb of God

**All: 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**

HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE KNEEL

The priest raises the host slightly

Priest: 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 HYMN

All: **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

John Newton

POST COMMUNION

PLEASE STAND

Priest: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant Marie, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace. Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

FINAL COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

**All: I know that my Redeemer lives,
and on that final day of days,
his voice shall bid me rise again:
unending joy, unceasing praise!**

**This hope I cherish in my heart:
to stand on earth, my flesh restored,
and, not a stranger but a friend,
behold my Saviour and my Lord**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**All: Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the
skies.**

**heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;**

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

H F Lyte (1793 – 1847)

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
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