

*Thanksgiving for the life of*

Sheila Agnes De France

**15<sup>th</sup> May 1932 – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



Requiem Mass  
ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
11.30 am

## ENTRANCE MUSIC: Ave Maria

*Schubert*

## 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:** Morning has broken, like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day

*Eleanor Farjeon(1881-1965)*

## 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 Sheila, 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 Job 19:23 - 27**

**Reader:** Job answered: 'Ah, would that these words of mine were written down, inscribed on some monument with iron chisel and engraving tool, cut into the rock for ever. This I know: that my Avenger lives, and he, the Last, will take his stand on earth. After my awaking, he will set me close to him, and from my flesh I shall look on God. He whom I shall see will take my part: these eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:            Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM**

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

**Reader:** 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**

**Reader:** 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**

**Reader:** 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**

**Reader:** 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**

## **SECOND READING: I Corinthians 15:51-57**

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I will tell you something that has been secret: that we are not all going to die, but we shall be changed. This will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable, and we shall be changed as well, because our present perishable nature must put on

imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:**     **Thanks be to God**

***PLEASE STAND***

**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  
John (6:37-40)

**All:**     Glory to you, Lord

**Priest:** Jesus said to the crowd: 'All that the Father gives  
me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I  
shall not turn him away; because I have come from

heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day.

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 Sheila, 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 the family and friends of our sister Sheila, that they may be comforted 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 nurses and all those who care for the frail,  
elderly, sick or dying, that they may be  
strengthened in their work.  
Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

**Reader:** Many people die by violence, war and famine each  
day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly  
these sins against your love, and gather them to the  
eternal kingdom of peace..  
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**

**Reader:** We unite these petitions with Mary as we say:

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of they womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, mother of God  
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our  
death.  
Amen**

***PLEASE SIT***



## OFFERTORY 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)*

**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 Sheila, 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 filled with 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:** Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with waters flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

*Ascribed to John XXII (1249-1334) tr.non*

## **POST COMMUNION**

*PLEASE STAND*

**Priest:** Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant Sheila,  
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:**        O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art.*

**And when I think that God his Son not sparing  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.**

***Chorus***

**When Christ shall come with shout of  
acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim my God, how great thou art.**

***Chorus***

*Stuart K. Hine (1898-1989) based on a hymn by Carl Boberg  
(1850-1940)*

**RECESSIONAL MUSIC: Laudate Dominum**

**Mozart**



***Sheila's family thank you for your prayers and support  
at this time.***

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welcome.**







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##### **Morning has broken**

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##### **O Lord my God**

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