

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the
Soul of



Thyrza Gaynor

20th September 1928 ~ 19th June 2025

The Sacred Heart Church, Petworth
Thursday 7th August at 11.00 am

MAIN CELEBRANT
Fr Peter Newsam
CONCELEBRANT
Fr Jock Dalrymple

INTRODUCTORY RIGHTS

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

C: Amen

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you

C. And with your Spirit

The priest sprinkles the coffin with Holy water at the Church door, as a reminder of our baptism and of the promise of new birth to eternal life.

As the coffin is carried in a hymn is sung



THE FUNERAL MASS

Stand for the entry hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the
lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

PART I INTRODUCTION

Welcome *by Fr Peter Newsam*

Eulogy *by John Gaynor and Rosie Wadham*

PART II

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit *First Reading: I Corinthians 13*

Read by Hugo Goodchild

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

At the end of the reading:

Reader. The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is
the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the
house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness
of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. It is
your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! **R**

Alleluia Verse: *All stand*

P. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

P. God loved the world so much

that he gave his only Son;

everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel: John 14. 1-6

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

C. 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 going you may be too.
You know the place where I am going.
'Peace I bequeath you, My own peace I give you,
A peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am
going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.'
At the end of the Gospel:

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Sit

PART III PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In faith, in hope and in love we pray for Thyrsa, for all
the dead, and for all who grieve for them.

Stand

Bidding Prayers

Read by James Gaynor, Elly Gaynor, Hector Lewis,
Sebastian Burnett-Wells, Mimi Wadham, Lucy Gaynor
and Tatiana Goodchild,

After each petition the reader says: Lord in your
gentleness,

All respond: Hear our prayer.

PART IV: OFFERING OF GIFTS

Ave Maria by Franz Schubert Sung by Cheryl Higgs

Offertory Procession

Theo and Cosmo Burnett-Wells

P. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

C. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

C. Blessed be God for ever.

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

All Stand

**C: 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.**

*The offertory prayer is then said by the Priest,
concluding*

P. through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

PART V: THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right and just.

Preface

P. 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 early 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:

**C: 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer III

Kneel (or sit)

The priest continues until, after the consecration:

P. The mystery of faith

**C. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The priest continues the Prayer and ends with:

P. 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.

C. Amen

PART VI: THE RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Stand

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

**C. 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.**

P. 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.

**C. For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, 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.

C. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

*Priest and people exchange a handshake, embrace or
another sign of peace with each other, saying,*

‘The peace of Christ be with you’.

**C: 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.**

All kneel or sit

The priest holds up the sacred Host and says:

P. 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.

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

The priest receives the Body and Blood.

*Holy Communion is now given to those who wish to receive it.
All who do not wish or who do not feel able to come up for
communion are warmly invited to come up for a blessing: they
join the communion queue, and when they approach the priest,
simply put an arm across their chest to indicate they wish to be
given a blessing.*



Ave Verum by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Sung by Cheryl Higgs

Hymn during communion

Psalm 23

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 through 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 forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.

*The post communion prayer is then said by the Priest,
concluding*

P.through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Read by Louisa Gaynor

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 forgive our foolish ways;
 reclothe us in our rightful mind,
 in purer lives thy service find,
 in deeper reverence, praise,
 in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 beside the Syrian sea,
 the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
 rise up and follow thee,
 rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee,
 O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 the silence of eternity,
 interpreted by love,
 interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
 and let our ordered lives confess
 the beauty of thy peace,
 the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 thy coolness and thy balm;
 let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm,
 O still, small voice of calm.

FINAL COMMENDATION

The Priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water. Water is a symbol of life, and of the divine life we all receive in baptism, the life we hope for ourselves and for the deceased.

He incenses the coffin. Incense is the biblical symbol of the prayer of the Church, poured out to God our Father for Thyrza, and for all who grieve.

During the sprinkling and incensing the Hymn is sung



Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour

To our fathers in distress;

Praise him still the same forever,

Slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,

Well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;

Ye behold him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

Dwellers all in time and space:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Angels, help us to adore him;

Ye behold him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

Dwellers all in time and space:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

P. Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our sister Thyrza
in the sure and certain hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ,
she will rise with him on the last day.
We give you thanks for the blessings
which you bestowed upon Thyrza in this life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.
Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and our sister for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

BURIAL

Thyrza's body will be taken directly to St Anthony & St
George Churchyard at Duncton, for a very short service
of committal at 12.30 pm

Some family members will attend. You are welcome to
go directly to the reception or to the Churchyard for the
burial.

Please join us after the service for a reception at:-
Duncton Village Hall, Duncton, Petworth GU28 0JY
This is 3 miles South, towards Chichester.



*The family is grateful to Fr Peter, Fr. Jock Dalrymple
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and the parishioners of The Sacred Heart for their
welcome and support in facilitating Thyrza's funeral.*

Gaelic Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Reflection

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little – but not for long.
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that once we shared.
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we must all take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
Laugh at all the things we used to do.
Miss me, but let me go.

Christina Rossetti

If you would like to make a donation in memory of
Thyrza, please do so to the
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