



A Funeral Mass for
ELAYN PATRICIA SEERY
13/11/1933 - 27/9/2021



Mass offered at
St Christopher's Church
Blackburn Road, Syndal

Saturday 2 October 2021

Priest
Fr Ralph Besterwitch

Musician
Andrea O'Loughlin

DECADE OF THE ROSARY

ENTRANCE HYMN

Ave Maria

(Vince Ambrosetti)

Lead us to peace in a world filled with war.
Teach us to pray, for we hunger for more.
Come with your love and your healing embrace:
Oh, gentle, kind lady, come show us your face.

Refrain: *Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!*
Mother of Jesus, mother of God.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Woman of courage, oh lady who said Yes to love:
lady who said Yes to God.

Fill us with love in a world torn with hate.
Teach us to want only goodness and grace.
Strengthen our hearts with a passion for truth:
Oh, gentle, kind lady, come show us your ways.

Refrain

REETING & INTRODUCTORY RITES

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Celebrant - In baptism Elayn was enlightened by Christ. She walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in her heart. May she now enjoy eternal light and peace.

All - **Amen.**

SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER

C. - In the waters of baptism Elayn died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share with Him eternal glory.

A. - **Amen.**

PLACING OF THE PALL

C. - On the day of her baptism Elayn was clothed in Christ. By her word and example, she lived with Christian dignity. May Christ now enfold Elayn in His love and bring her to eternal life.

A. - **Amen.**

EULOGY

Soren Heggie

OPENING PRAYER

C. - Let us pray, Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust Elayn. In this life you embraced her with your tender love, deliver her now from any sin and bid her enter eternal life. 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.

A. - Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING (*Ecclesiastes 3:1-11*)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die,
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted,
a time to kill, and a time to heal,
a time to break down, and a time to build up,
a time to weep, and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn, and a time to dance,
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together,
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to get, and a time to lose,
a time to keep, and a time to cast away,
a time to rend, and a time to sew,
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak,
a time to love, and a time to hate,
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

A. - Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord's My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter, 1650

Tune: Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Refrain: I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself
down in his love.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me

Refrain

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A. - Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
I am the way, the truth and the life
No-one can come to the Father except through me
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL (*John 14: 1-6*)

C. - The Lord be with you.

A. - **And with your spirit.**

C. - A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

A. - **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A. - **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

C. - For our sister Elayn, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

R. - You wept at the death of Lazarus your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
We pray to the Lord.

A. - **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R. - You raised the dead to life: give to our sister eternal life.
We pray to the Lord.

A. - **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R. - You promised paradise to the repentant thief: bring Elayn to the joys of heaven.
We pray to the Lord.

A. - **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R. - Our sister was washed clean in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit: give her fellowship with all your saints forever.
We pray to the Lord.

A. - **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R. - Elayn was nourished with your body and your blood at the table of the Lord: grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
We pray to the Lord.

A. - **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R. - Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Elayn. Let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope.
We pray to the Lord.

A. - **Lord, hear our prayer.**

C. - God, our shelter and our strength, you listen to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord.

A. - **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Take Our Bread We Ask You

Refrain: Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could.
We are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. - Lord, accept these gifts we offer in celebration of the life of Elayn. May this offering of peace gain for her a place with all the holy men and women whom you have called to yourself. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

A. - **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

C. - The Lord be with you.

A. - **And with your spirit.**

C. - Lift up your hearts.

A. - **We lift them up to the Lord.**

C. - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A. - **It is right and just.**

HOLY HOLY

Holy Holy

Lord God of Host

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

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim your death O Lord,

until you come again.

DOXOLOGY

Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Text: Prayer of St. Francis; adapt. By Sebastian Temple, b.1928, © 1967, OCP Publications

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Make me a channel of your peace,
where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you,

Make me a channel of your peace,
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy,

**Refrain: O Master grant that I may never seek,
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!**

Make me a channel of your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal, life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. - Lord God your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide and strengthen us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May Elayn who shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

A. - **Amen.**

PHOTOGRAPHIC REFLECTION

My Way

Tune: Frank Sinatra

FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

C. - With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our sister Elayn to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things that He will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and company of the saints. May God give her a merciful judgment and forgive her all her sins. May Christ, the good shepherd, lead her safely home to be at peace with God our Father. And may she be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

C. - May the hand of God hold you and the peace of God enfold you in his mercy.

A. - **May the loving hand of God lead you gently home.**

C. - May the loving God come to greet you.

May Christ who called you speed you to paradise.

A. - May the loving hand of God lead you gently home.

C. - May you experience that the love that dreamed and formed you, still surrounds you here today.

A. - May the loving hand of God lead you gently home.

C. - Father, into your hands, we commend Elayn.

We are confident that, with all who have died in Christ, she will be raised to life on the last day and live with Christ forever. We thank you for the blessings you gave her in this life, to show your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is ours with the saints in Jesus Christ. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

A. - Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you

may the wind be always at your back

may the sun shine warm upon your face

May the rain fall softly on your fields

and until we meet again

may you keep safe

in the gentle loving arms of God



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