

**We want you to be certain, brothers, about those who have died,
To make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other
people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose
again,**

**and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus:
God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's
own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's
coming will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ**

**will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive
will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord**

**in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord forever. With such
thoughts
as these you should conform one another.**

Reader: The word of the lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Death is Nothing At All

**Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.**

Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you.
For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.
All is well.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
That whoever believes in the Son
Shall have eternal life,
And that I shall raise him up on the last day.
Alleluia

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
John 14:1-6

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 may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'**

**Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?' Jesus said:**

**'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.'**

**Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of the gifts

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.**

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.
All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour Lord.**

**Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

**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 close to me...

**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 close to me...