



THE GOSPEL Please stand

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All Glory be to you, O Lord

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might bless them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflective Music 'Fight Song' by Safari
(acoustic version)





Eulogy—

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection:

Risen Lord, pattern of our life for ever. Lord hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us

Promise and image of what we shall be. Lord hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us

Son of God who came to destroy death: Lord hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us

Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death: Lord hear us

All Lord, graciously hear us

Crucified Lord, raised in glory. Lord hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us

Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless the family of Mary-Jane always. Jesus, you are the gentle Shepherd who loves all children and welcomes them as the most precious of jewels, give peace to Mary-Jane.

May this child play in the meadows of your Kingdom, in God's light forever: Amen





Deacon Our true home is in heaven, therefore, let us pray to our heavenly Father as Jesus taught us:

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 for our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

We commend you, dear child, to Almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to him who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth. May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise. May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of his flock. May he set you among those he has chosen. May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing of the coffin

O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a tomb in the garden: Bless, we pray, this casket, and grant that she whose body is within it may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to thy heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The deacon sprinkles with holy water the coffin, and invites all family members who wish to do so, to do the same

Recessional music 'The Parting Glass' by Dan McCabe





RITE OF COMMITTAL at the Graveside

Deacon Our sister Mary-Jane has gone to her rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome her to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist her with our prayers. Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our sister....; together may we meet Christ Jesus when He who is our life appears in glory. We read in sacred Scripture (Matthew 25:34): Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our sister Mary-Jane may sleep here in peace until you awaken her to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then she will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendour of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

R Amen.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Mary-Jane and we commit her body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace.

