

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

***Reader:*** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

### ***Gospel (Jn 14:1-6)***

***Priest:*** The Lord be with you.

***All:*** And with your spirit.

***Priest:*** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

***All:*** Glory to you, O Lord.

### ***Priest:***

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

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

***All:*** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## ***Homily***

### ***POEM & EULOGY***

Read by Neil, Jade & Aliesha

### ***Bidding Prayers***

***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 our sister Joan, who ate the body of christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day. Lord in your mercy ...

***All:*** Hear our prayer

***Reader:*** For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord in your mercy ...

***All:*** Hear our prayer

***Reader:*** For Joan's family and friends, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord in your mercy ...

***All:*** Hear our prayer

***Reader:*** For us all, that we may be gathered together again one day, with Joan, in God's Kingdo. Lord in your mercy ...

***All:*** Hear our prayer

***Priest:*** God our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed sister Joan. Cleanse her and all the faithful departed of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

***All:*** Amen

## *Hymn*

### *Abide With Me*

Henry Francis Lyte

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.

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, Lord, 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.

# ***BLESSING & DISMISSAL***

*One final surprise from Joan*

***Exit***

*Jealous of the angels- Donna Taggart*

