



*A service of Thanksgiving for the Lives of
Annie Rose Gibbs and Christine Diane Goddard*

Service held at Church of Holy Innocents, High Beach
Sunday 14th of April at 1.30pm



Order of Service

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” **John 11.25,26**

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.

All: And also with you.

We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Today we come together to remember before God our sisters, Christine Diane Goddard and Annie Rose Gibbs to give thanks for their lives and to comfort one another in our grief.

*Father in heaven, we thank you because you made us in your own image and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit. We thank you now for Annie and Chris and what each of them meant to all who are gathered here today. As we honour their memory, make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*Father in heaven, we praise your name for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, the life and grace you gave them and the peace in which they now rest. We thank you today for Chris and Annie and for all that you did through them. We pray that you will meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

The Commendation

*Almighty God, in your great love you crafted us by your hand and breathed life into us by your Spirit. Although we became a rebellious people, you did not abandon us to our sin. In your tender mercy you sent your Son to restore in us your image. In obedience to your will, He gave up His life for us, bearing in His body our sins on the cross. By your mighty power, you raised Jesus from the grave and exalted Him to the throne of glory. Rejoicing in His victory and trusting in your promise to make alive all who turn to Christ, we commend Annie Rose Gibbs and Christine Diane Goddard to your mercy and we join with all your faithful people and the whole company of heaven in the one unending song of praise: glory, wisdom and honour be to our God for ever and ever. **Amen.***

The Dismissal

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All: and also with you.

Conclusion

*Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but also for those whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.***

*The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.***

Recessional music



"Let your sorrow last for just a while. Comfort each other and try to smile.
I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become."

Remember Me - Anthony Dawson