

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (13:1
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If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23: The Lord's my Shepherd (806)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
Take for your heritage the Kingdom prepared for you
Since the foundation of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-6, 27

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.*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God still, and believe also in me. There are many dwelling places in my Father's house; if it were not so, I would have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again take you to myself; so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Peace I leave you, my own peace do I give to you, not as the world gives do I give, do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

General Intercessions

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:

- For Sheila, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

- For all of our deceased relatives and friends, that they may have the reward of their goodness at the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

- For all those took care of Sheila in her time of illness. May they be rewarded for their loving kindness. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

- For Sheila's family, relatives 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.

- Let us entrust Sheila to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Risen Lord, as we say:

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us, sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death
Amen

Words of Remembrance by Justin and Omar

The Lord's Prayer
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 forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver from evil.

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Sheila in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon her in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to Sheila and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of Faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with her for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Priest: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Priest: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself;

May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Priest: God of the living and the dead, accept our prayers for Sheila who died in the hope of rising again. Since she was true to your name on earth, let her praise you for ever in the joy of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Priest: May she rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Priest: May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.