

INITIAL RITES

Entrance Hymn: Pie Jesu (Gabriel Faure)

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with us as we gather to pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Doris Hooper and for one another.

All: And with your spirit.

Placing of Symbols

Priest: Before we celebrate the Sacred Mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Priest: You came to heal the contrite of heart, Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Priest: You came to call sinners, Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and lead us to live everlasting.

All: Amen.

The Collect

Priest: Merciful Lord, whose wisdom is beyond human understanding, you adopted Betty Doris Hooper as your own in baptism and have taken her to yourself, even as she stood on the threshold of life. Listen to our prayers and extend to us your grace, that one day we may share eternal life with Betty, for we firmly believe that he/she now rests with you. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Read by: Rebecca Luke

The word of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm Number 23

The response to our Psalm is "**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**"

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Chris

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and is now in the presence of the Father, from where he intercedes for his Church. Confident, then, that God hears the voices of those who call upon him in faith, we join our prayer to those of his Son.

Priest: Each intercession today concludes with the words, "Lord, in your mercy", to which our response is: "Hear our prayer".

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: We now pause for a moment to offer our more private petitions to God.

Let us now offer these and all our prayers to the Father through the intercession of Our Lady:

**All: Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst 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.

Priest: Father, we thank you for your love and support. We ask you to receive our sister Betty into your presence with love and kindness and we request your grace to strengthen us in faith and hope. Through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Abide With Me (William Henry Monk)

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, oh, abide with me!
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: As we humbly present to you these offerings, O Lord for the salvation of your servant Betty, we beseech your mercy, that he/she, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Communion music: 'Nimrod' from the Enigma Variations (Edward Elgar)

Eulogy

Read by: Alayne Taylor

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Grant, we pray, merciful Father, that your servant Betty Doris Hooper, who has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.