

Order of Service

Entrance Hymn

*I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning, bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.*

*But You are always close to me,
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to You,
Following all Your ways, Lord.*

*I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel Your brightness near me.*

For You are always...

*I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel Your presence near me.*

For You are always...

*I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest -
Only Your peace is near me.*

*Yes, You are always
John Glynn (b.1948)*

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom, Chapter 3: verses 1-6 and 9

He accepted them as a holocaust.
The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.
In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation: but they are in peace.
If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be.
God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.
They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *If I should walk in the valley of darkness,
no evil will I fear, for you are there with me.*

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

*Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.*

*Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.***

*He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.*

*If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.*

*you are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.***

*You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.*

*My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.***

*Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.*

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.***

Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Chapter 14: verses 1-6**

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Bidding Prayers

We pray for John Joe who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that he is now admitted to the company of the Saints.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our brother John Joe who ate the body of Christ
and the bread of life, may he be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for John Joe's family and friends,
that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all our deceased relatives and friends. We remember especially John Joe's
brother Anthony. May they rest in peace.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We commend John Joe to the prayers and intercession of our blessed Lady.

Hail Mary, full of Grace...