

A Service to Celebrate the Life

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Madeline McAuliffe

who passed away 20th November 2022



Funeral Mass

Church of the Annunciation

Rathfarnham

Friday: 25th November 2022

10.00am

Celebrant: Fr. Martin Cosgrove

Dublin Gospel Choir

Entrance Hymn: Home

Procession of Symbols

Commentary – Laura McAuliffe

Reading 1: Readers Name - Mark O’Sullivan

A reading from the book of Wisdom (3:1-6.9)

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

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

In arms of an Angel (based on the reading from psalm)

Reading 2: Readers Name - Fiona McArdle

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord’s own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord’s coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord forever. Which such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Hymn: Hallelujah

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke

It was about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle: and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. With these words he breathed his last. Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb, which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. On the first day of the week at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the men said to them, ‘Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not there, he has risen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Readers Name – Colin McAuliffe

Prayer – We pray for all Mum’s family, friends and all that loved her, that our memory of Mum whom we loved, inspires us with renewed love.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name - Marie Denver

Prayer - We pray for those loved ones that have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name – Tommy Smith

Prayer – Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong, hold tightly to what is good, love each other with genuine affection.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name – Carolyn Reid

Prayer – We pray for Ian Reid that God guides his recovery and returns him to his former strength.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name – Jimmy Hughes

Prayer – We pray for peace in the midst of violence and tragedy in this world. May we have the patience to be understanding, the strength to be forgiving and the grace to admit when we are wrong.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Readers Name – Eilis Smith

Prayer – We pray for the doctors and nurses at Tallaght Hospital who were so kind to Mal in the last weeks of her life. May God give them strength to continue their work.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Offertory Procession: Hymn – You are Mine

Communion

Hymn 1 – Hello After Good Bye

Hymn 2 – The Rose

Reflection (read by Edel McAuliffe)

Words can not describe the loss I feel

Saying farewell to you,

But heaven chose to give you wings

And now its time you flew.

I wish that we could have more time,

That God had let you stay.

Forever would not be long enough

But I would take one day.

I wish I had just one more chance

To see that tender smile,

To laugh with you again my dear

Just for just a little while.

Gone too soon, but not forgotten,

Forever you will remain,

My guiding light, my shining star,

Until I see your face again.

Eulogy by: Name – Miriam McAuliffe

Closing Song – Budapest

**May you always walk in sunshine,
and Gods around you flow
For the happiness you gave us,
No one will ever know.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
A part of us went with you
A million times we cried.
If love could only have saved you
You would have never died**