



*Through Him, with Him and in Him.*

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CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF

SR PATRICIA HEENAN, RSC

18<sup>th</sup> November 1929 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, 11am

Giovanni Chapel, St Vincent's Private Hospital, Kangaroo Point

*Celebrated by:* Bishop Brian Heenan

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*Sr Patricia, Principal of Bethlehem College Ashfield (1974)*

**GATHERING MUSIC:** *Sounds of Africa*

*Patricia loved these words of Nano Nagle. She reflected on them frequently during her time as a member of the Chaplaincy Team at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. For Patricia, these words of Nano Nagle were the philosophy of the motto of the Sisters of Charity expressed in a different way.*

**PROLOGUE:**

Take down your lantern from its niche and go out!  
You may not dwell in firelight certainties,  
secure from drifting fog of doubt and fear.  
You may not build yourself confining walls  
And say: Thus far, and thus, and thus far shall I walk,  
And these things shall I do, and nothing more.  
Go out! For need calls loudly in the winding lanes  
And you must seek Christ there.  
Your pilgrim heart  
Shall urge still one pace beyond,  
And love shall be your lantern flame.

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**WELCOME**

Sr Lauren Dixon RSC

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

We acknowledge the living culture of the Turrbal and Jagera people, those who once lived here and into whose space our forebears came, changing forever an older way of life.

Bless us and bless their descendants. Help us to join our hands and hearts together. Help us to heal one another and the land, so that our lives may flow with harmony and that we may live with love, and deep respect.

## **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

*(Please stand to welcome Patricia's body)*

## **RECEPTION OF THE BODY**

### **GREETING**

Bp: May the God of promise and hope give you the fullness of peace and may the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Bp: With all the saints, our sister Patricia, now sees God face to face. Her desire to be filled with the fullness of God is fulfilled. ...  
As we begin this journey this of farewell for Patricia, let us welcome her body accompanied by her community of the Sisters of Charity, into our midst as we sing:

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Christ, Be Our Light!* – Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Refrain:*

**Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in Your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us Your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us Your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stones. *Refrain*

## **LIGHTING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE**

As this candle is lit, we recognise Patricia's love and fidelity to her God and to God's people.

**All: May she be welcomed now into the fullness of light and peace.**

## **BLESSING OF COFFIN**

Bp: In Baptism, Patricia was claimed as a child of God. She lived her life in generous fidelity to her God. In faith, we rejoice and give thanks for all the blessings that Patricia has received in this life and through her the many graces given to others she has met on her life's journey as a Sister of Charity, as a teacher, Education Administrator, on mission in Zambia, a member of the Pastoral Care Chaplaincy team at the Princess Alexandria Hospital and as a resident of the St Vincent's Care Services here at Marycrest.

## **SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER**

Bp: Patricia died with Christ in the waters of Baptism and rose with him to new life. May she now share with Him eternal glory.

**All: May she now share with Christ eternal glory.**

## **PLACING OF THE PALL**

This is the symbol of Patricia's white Baptismal robe and her commitment to Christ. It reminds us that Patricia responded to Christ's call to be his disciple and it recognises the dignity conferred on her.

**All: May Christ enfold her in his love forever and clothe her in bright glory.**

## **PLACING OF THE SYMBOLS**

### *Bible*

Patricia cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet her with the words of eternal life, "Come, blessed of my Father."

**All: Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

### *The Constitutions and Rosary*

These are symbols of Patricia's commitment as a Sister of Charity. We now place them on her coffin as a sign of hope that she is now with Christ, her spouse.

**All: May Patricia now live eternally with God who called her to this way of life.**

## ***Education***

Patricia was a gifted and dedicated teacher who enabled her students to reach their potential and she was also a brilliant Education Administrator. These gifts are symbolised by the text book.

**All: Those who lead many to righteousness, shall shine like the stars for ever and ever.**

## ***Missionary in Zambia***

In 1984 Patricia was appointed to work with Irish Sisters of Charity in Zambia. For 12 years Patricia ministered to the people of Zambia. She loved Africa with every fibre of her being.

**All: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor.**

## ***Pastoral Care – Chaplain at Princess Alexandra Hospital***

On her return from Africa, after a short time in Toowoomba, Patricia devoted the next 16 years to her role as a member of the Chaplaincy Team at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

**All: Let them call for the elders of the community and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.**

## ***Family Photo***

Patricia had a special place in her heart for all the members of her family and for each of her special friends.

**All: May the love of Christ surround them and hold them close to the heart of God.**

## **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Sr Karan Varker RSC,  
& Bernard McLoughlin on behalf of the family

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Bp: Let us pray:

God our Father, our faith professes that Your Son, Jesus, died and rose again, mercifully grant that through this mystery, Your servant, Patricia, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 43: 1-2,4-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

“Thus,” says the LORD, He who created you, He who formed you, “do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by your name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I shall be with you, and through rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. You are precious in My sight, and honoured, and I love you.”  
“Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *You Are Mine* – David Haas.

I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice.  
Be still, and know I am near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in Me.

***Refrain:***

**Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.**

I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will run free  
And all will know My name. ***Refrain***

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now, walk and live. ***Refrain***

**SECOND READING:** Romans 12: 9 -16b

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as brothers and sisters should and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit.

If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care. Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Lord will guard you from all evil; He will guard your life. The Lord will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia**

**GOSPEL:** John 13: 1-10, 12-17.

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do, as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

Bishop Brian Heenan

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Bp: Compassionate and loving God we bring our prayers to You in the name of Jesus who is the resurrection and the life.

Reader: We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis. May his ministry to our people throughout the world continue to be richly blessed. May he be strengthened, particularly in these times of challenge and great difficulty. God of Wisdom.

**All: Hear our Prayer.**

Reader: We pray for our fractured world... we pray especially for the people of Gaza and Israel who are engulfed in the terrors and horrors of war. We pray also for the people of the adjoining nations in the Middle East. God of Justice and peace hear the anguished cries of Your people.

**All: Hear our Prayer.**

Reader: We pray for the deceased members of Patricia's family who are enjoying the fullness of life in eternity – her parents, Kevin and Eileen, her sister, Mary, and her brothers, Frank and Peter. We also remember the deceased Sisters of Charity, especially Sr Anne Crowley who died recently. We also hold in prayer those who have no-one to pray for them. God of Hope.

**All: Hear our Prayer.**

Reader: We pray for those who have cared so lovingly for Patricia over the years especially Lynette Ybarzabal, Penny Strang, her companions, Sr Clare Nolan and Sr Deirdre Hickey, the doctors, nurses and staff of St Vincent's Care, Marycrest Kangaroo Point and of the Mater Private Hospital, South Brisbane. May they be richly blessed in their ministry of care and compassion for the sick, aged and frail. God of Compassion.

**All: Hear our Prayer.**

Reader: May we who have been richly blessed by Patricia's presence and ministry throughout her years as a Sister of Charity also strive to be God's love in the heart of the world. God of Love.

**All: Hear our Prayer.**

Bp: God, our shelter and our strength, we ask you to hear these prayers. May we all share one day in the fullness of Your love.

**All: Amen.**

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**

Bp: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept this sacrifice of your hands  
For the praise and glory of His name,  
For our good and the good of all His Holy Church.**

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Bp: Let us pray: Father in Heaven receive these gifts we bring, as we remember the life of Patricia, Your servant. Be pleased with our gifts, and with the gift of her life of service to You, the God she loved. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.**

Bp: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Bp: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bp: Let us give thanks to the Lord or God.

**All: It is right and just.**

#### **PREFACE**

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Bp: The mystery of Faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

##### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Bp: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

**All: Our Father ...**

Bp: Deliver us, Lord we pray ...

**All: For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever.**

##### **SIGN OF PEACE**

Bp: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Bp: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Bp: Behold the Lamb of God.

**All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG:** *We Are Many Parts* – Marty Haugen.

*Chorus:*

**We are many parts, we are all one body  
and the gifts we have, we are given to share.  
May the Spirit of Love make us One in deed,  
One, the Love that we share,  
one, our Hope in despair,  
one the Cross that we bear.**

God of all, we look to you,  
we would be Your servants true,  
let us be Your love to all the world. *Chorus*

So my pain is pain for you,  
in your joy is my joy, too,  
all is brought together in the Lord. *Chorus*

All you seekers, great and small,  
seek the greatest gift of all,  
if you love, then you will know the Lord. *Chorus*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Bp: Lord God Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his Body and Blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to Your Kingdom. May our sister, Patricia, who shared this Eucharist, come to the banquet of life that Christ has prepared for her and for all who believe in You. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **RETURN OF SYMBOLS**

Bp: Receive back these symbols as memories of Patricia's life of faith, hope and love.

### **FINAL PRAYERS AND COMMENDATION**

With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our sister, Patricia, to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray in confidence that God who gives life to all things, will raise up her mortal body to perfection and to the company of the Saints. May God give Patricia a merciful judgment and forgive her all her sins. May Christ the Good Shepherd lead her safely home to be at peace with God our Father and may she be happy with all the Saints in the presence of the eternal one.

Patricia has gone to her rest in the peace of Christ. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us commend her to the loving mercy of our God. She became God's daughter through baptism and was often fed at the table of the Lord.

May the Lord now welcome Patricia to the table of God's children in Heaven, and with all the saints, may she inherit the promise of eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

*The Sisters will come forward and stand either side of the coffin.*

### **HOLY WATER**

Bp: We sprinkle the coffin with Holy Water to remind us we share in the Christ's Resurrection through Baptism.

## INCENSE

Sister Laureen Dixon RSC

Bp: Because we believe the body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit and one day will rise in glory, we incense the coffin.

**HYMN:** *Go, Silent Friend* – John Bell

Go, silent friend, your life has found its ending,  
To dust returns your weary, mortal frame.  
God, who before birth, called you into being,  
Now calls you hence, His accent still the same.  
Go, silent friend, your life in Christ is buried:  
For you he lived and died and rose again.  
Close by his side your promised place is waiting  
Where fully known, you shall with Christ remain.

Go, silent friend, forgive us if we grieve you;  
Safe now in Heaven, kindly say our name.  
Your life has touched us, that is why we mourn you,  
Our lives without you cannot be the same.  
Go, silent friend, we do not grudge your glory;  
Sing, sing with joy praises to your Lord.  
You who believe that Christ would come back for you,  
Now celebrate that Jesus keeps his word.

## SONG OF FAREWELL

Bp: Saints of God, come to Patricia's aid!  
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

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

Bp: May Christ, who called you, Patricia, 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.**

Bp: Give, Patricia, eternal rest, O Lord, and may Your Light shine on her forever.

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

Bp: Father, into Your hands we commend our sister, Patricia. We are confident that with all who had died in Christ, she will be raised to life on the last day and live with Christ forever.

Welcome Patricia to paradise and help us comfort one another with assurance of our faith until we all meet in Christ to be with You and Patricia forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Bp: Patricia, go forth upon your journey from this world.  
In the name of Almighty God who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ who died for you. In the name of the Holy Spirit who shone through you. In friendship with God's saints, aided by the Holy Angels, may you rest this day in peace and love of your eternal home.

**All: Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Welcome Home* –Frank Anderson, MSC.

*Refrain:*

**Welcome home! Welcome home!**

**Welcome home to the land of your freedom and joy!**

**Welcome home! Welcome home!**

**Be at peace in the arms of your God!**

“This is my body now given for you!”  
This is the gift you have lived!  
And just as the Father embraces the Son,  
So do we embrace you! Welcome home! *Refrain*

We come to thank you, the people you loved,  
For us you have been living word!  
The Word you have spoken has nourished our hearts;  
Now the Word comes to you! Welcome home! *Refrain*

Deep in the Godhead the Mystery you know;  
In the love-span of God do you live!  
So now your prayer be effective and free;  
Pray for us now that you're welcome home! *Refrain*

Let there be music and let there be song,  
For the triumph that your life has been!  
Hear how God's angels and saints in their joy  
Join with us as we sing, Welcome home! *Refrain*





The Sisters of Charity and Patricia's family  
thank you sincerely for your kind thoughts,  
prayers and presence here today.

You are invited to join us  
for light refreshments after Mass in  
the James Douglas Board Room.

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