



*Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of*

**CARMEL MONICA  
NAISMITH**

23/2/1933 - 3/9/2023

*Carmel*



***Mass offered at***

*St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church,  
Central Road, Blackburn*

*Monday, 11 September 2023*

***Priest***

*Fr Brendan Hayes*

# PHOTOGRAPHIC REFLECTION

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE MUSIC

#### **Here I Am Lord**

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b1947

Tune: Dan Schutte, b 1947; arr. By Michael Pope, SJ, John Weissrock  
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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Celebrant -** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All -** **Amen.**

## **GREETING**

**C. -** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A. -** **And with your spirit.**

## **SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER**

*Mandy Naismith*

**C. -** In the waters of baptism, Carmel died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share with Him in eternal glory. Amen.

## **LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*Lyn Naismith*

**C. -** In baptism Carmel received the light of Christ. That light has guided her throughout her life. May she now enjoy the risen life with her risen Lord. Amen.

**C. -** May almighty God have mercy on all of us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

## **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

*Luke Naismith*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**C. -** Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Carmel, 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, for ever and ever.

**A. - Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** (*Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9*)

*Perry Naismith*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

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.

**A. - Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*sung*)

### The Lord's My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter, 1650

Tune: CRIMOND, CM; Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1836-1887; harm. By David Grant, 1833-1893

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

**SECOND READING** (*1 John 3:1-2*)

*Craig Naismith*

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future  
has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

**A. - Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION**

**A. - Alleluia, alleluia.**

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

**No one can come to the Father except through me.**

**Alleluia.**



**GOSPEL** (*John 14: 1-6*)

C. - The Lord be with you.

**A. - And with your spirit.**

C. - A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**A. - Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**A. - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Emily Naismith, Tom Naismith, Annie Naismith,  
Tim Naismith, Hannah Naismith*

- C.** - For our sister Carmel, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."
- R.** - For Carmel's family, her husband Colin, her children Perry, Craig, Luke, and Michaela, her grandchildren Emily, Tom, Annie, Tim and Hannah and her great grandsons Billy and Jasper, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their grief and find solace in the knowledge that their wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother now rests in everlasting peace. Lord, hear us.
- A.** - **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R.** - For Carmel, a child of God and heir to the Kingdom of Heaven, that she may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. Lord, hear us.
- A.** - **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R.** - We pray for all the current and past parishioners and clergy at St Thomas the Apostle here in Blackburn who provided support and love to Carmel over the years. Lord, hear us.
- A.** - **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R. -** We pray for the health care professionals and staff from the Dementia Ward at Regis Inala Lodge who treated and cared for Carmel with such compassion and support over the past 12 months. Lord, hear us.

**A. - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R. -** We give thanks for the full, rich and long life that Carmel lived. As a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend she brought happiness and love to many. May we send her on her way with our love and blessings and may she now rest in eternal peace. Lord, hear us.

**A. - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**C. -** God, our shelter and our strength, you listen to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord.

**A. - Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **PREPARATION OF OFFERINGS**

**C. -** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**A. - Blessed be God for ever.**

C. - Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

A. - **Blessed be God for ever.**

C. - Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

A. - **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

C. - As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Carmel, we beseech your mercy, that 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.

A. - **Amen.**

## PREFACE

C. - The Lord be with you.

A. - **And with your spirit.**

C. - Lift up your hearts.

A. - **We lift them up to the Lord.**

C. - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A. - **It is right and just.**

C. - It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In Him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**A. - 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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

C. - You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time He was betrayed and entered willingly into His Passion, He took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, He took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to His disciples, saying: TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

C. - The mystery of faith.

A. - **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

C. - Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of His Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Peter our Bishop and all the clergy. Remember your servant Carmel whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that she who was united with your Son in a death like His, may also be one with Him in His Resurrection. Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

A. - Amen.

## COMMUNION RITE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

A. - **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 us from evil.**

C. - Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**A. - For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

**C. - Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

**A. - Amen.**

**C. - The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**A. - And with your spirit.**

**C. - Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**

## **BREAKING OF BREAD**

**A. - Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

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

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

## **COMMUNION**

**C. - Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**



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

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**C. - Let us pray. Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of His Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Carmel, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

**A. - Amen.**

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

**C. - Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.**

## **SONG OF FAREWELL**

**C. - Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.**

**A. - Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

C. - May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**A. - Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

C. - Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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### **PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

C. - Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Carmel, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister for ever.

**A. - Amen.**

C. - May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**A. - Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

*Carmel's family would like to sincerely thank you  
for your kind thoughts, prayers and presence here today.*

*After Mass, you are warmly invited  
to join the family for refreshments  
in the church foyer.*



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