

In Loving Memory of

Elaine McCaffrey

09/03/1920 – 29/10/2019



Friday 8th November, 2019 at St Joan of Arc, Brighton

Celebrant: Fr Martin Dixon

Organist: Mary Taylor

Cantor: Adam Kaczanowski



OPENING HYMN: **Strong and Constant**

I will be Your God who walks with you!
You will be always in my hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call then you will truly know
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

When you know sorrow within your life
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover Me!
Strong and constant is my love!
Strong and constant is my love!

GREETING

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Blessed are you who have come together today to thank
God for the good things he has done through the life of
Elaine. May the God of hope give you the fullness of peace,
and may the Lord of life be with you always.
All: **And also with you**

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Priest: In the waters of Baptism Elaine died with Christ.
All: **May she now rise with him to new life and share with him in
eternal glory.**

Placing of the Pall

Priest: On the day of her baptism Elaine put on Christ.
All: **May she now be clothed with him in glory.**

Placing of Flowers

Priest: We remember the beauty of Elaine's life.

ALL: **May we be reminded of the beauty of God's creation and the new creation to which Elaine has been called.**

Placing of Symbol of Life

Priest: In life Elaine cherished the gospel of Christ.

All: **May Christ now greet her with these words of eternal life: "Come, blessed of my Father."**

EULOGIES:

Jane McCaffrey & Eloise Forster

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, you are the creator of all life.
You allow us the joy of sharing our lives with each other
And experiencing your love through our families and friends.
We ask you to be with us now and comfort us.
We have been blessed with the company and joy of Elaine
And we take comfort in the memory of those moments.
We know that you have promised us a greater joy,
Richer and more lasting than the joy we experience in this life.
We wish to gather here as Elaine enters into that joy.
We wish to acknowledge her life and death at this moment
And commend her into your hands, You who lead us to the place
where all tears will be wiped away and our sorrow turned to joy.
We pray this through Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st READING: A Reading based on the Book of Proverbs: Ch 31 Luke Donnellan

Who shall find a valiant woman? Who shall find a woman of strength?
A pearl of great price is she. Her friends all have confidence in her and
benefit from her expertise.
She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life. She works diligently,
taking pride in her inner resources and strengths. When her gifts are
encouraged, and their value affirmed, she will work well into the night,
entering wholeheartedly into even the menial task.
She opens her heart to the needy, she is generous with the poor, yet she
does not neglect her family's needs nor priorities of her own.
She is known for her dignity and strength and she laughs at the days to
come. She often speaks with wisdom, and teaches in a kindly way.

Those who are close to her praise her, her family and her friends.
'Many women succeed or do outstanding things, but you surpass them all!'. Charm is superficial, and beauty fades, but the woman who is wise is the one to be praised. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *The Lord is My Shepherd*

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

SECOND READING:

Nicholas McCaffrey

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 44: 10-15

Here is a generous woman whose good works have not been forgotten. In her descendants, there remains a rich inheritance born of her. Her descendants stand by her covenants, and thanks to her, so do her children's children. Her offspring will last forever, her glory will not fade. Her body will be buried in peace and her name will live on for all generations. The people will proclaim her wisdom, the assembly will celebrate her praises.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. I came that you may have life,
and have it to the full, says the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A Reading from the gospel according to John 14:1-6

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 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.

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

HOMILY:

Fr. Martin Dixon

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Priest: We call God Father, so let us place before him our prayers, confident that he hears those from his children.

Lily McCaffrey: Granny, may your kind and understanding nature, boundless energy, devotion and 'joie de vivre' pass on to your grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Nick McCaffrey: Granny, may you continue the interest, prayers and support you have shown towards the studies and careers of your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Suzanne McCaffrey: Father, we ask that Gran's witness of joy will continue to pass through generations of grandchildren and that her love of simplicity in living be embraced by them. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Anna Homicki: Father, we ask that Gran's enthusiasm for life and her love of learning be a reminder of our own responsibility in ensuring we continue to listen to others without judgement.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Marie-Claire Skate: May Gran's incredible love for her faith and her God continue to serve as an inspiration to her family and friends, and may we also find strength and comfort in his love, just as our beloved granny did all her life. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Joseph McCaffrey: Dear Lord, we thank all those who care for our elderly. We especially honour and recognise the dedication of Dr Mark Heffernon and all the staff at Vasey House, who loved our Granny-Nonna and saw her as the very special person she was. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Kate Donnellan: We pray for those who have fallen: may they know your restoration and grace. Help us not to judge or exclude your beloved children, but instead lift them up in prayer, and embrace and with the grace we know in God. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Luke Donnellan: We pray for the lost, the hurting, the lonely, the sick, the bereaved, and those who are imprisoned behind both visible and invisible walls. Send your comfort, your peace and your calming presence to those who are without hope. Protect the defenceless and hold them close to your heart. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Priest: We pray these prayers and the prayers within our hearts at this time through Christ the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

BRINGING UP THE GIFTS:

Helen Donellan & Maree McCaffrey

HYMN: As Gentle as Silence

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see God has given to me,
and the giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of God's love.
At the turn of each tide God is there at my side,
with a touch that is gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from your presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on your name in the dark of my shame,
and your mercy was gentle as silence.

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: 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 GIFTS

Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ.
Accept these gifts and receive our *brother/sister*
into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In him, who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned.
The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality.
Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended.
When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting
dwelling place in heaven.
In our gratitude we proclaim your glory with all those in heaven.

**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.**

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,
and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:
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 ALL
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.
**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.**

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 Elaine, Francis our Pope and Peter our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Elaine, 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 the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may come 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.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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,**

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.

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

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.

All: Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**All: 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

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**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 HYMN: *Micah's theme:*

*Refrain: Hear, then, what Yahweh asks of you:
to live justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.*

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full. *(Refrain)*

Ask and you shall receive; knock and it shall be yours. *(Refrain)*

Father, your kingdom come, may your will be done. *(Refrain)*

Take up your cross and follow me, you shall share my life. *(Refrain)*

I am with you always, till the end of time. *(Refrain)*

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, God, your son Jesus Christ gave us
The sacrament of his Body and Blood
To guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom.
May Elaine who shared in this Eucharist,
Come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen**

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer

We gather around the body of Elaine, all that is left to us of her, to pay our last respects. Keeping our eyes fixed on the cross of Jesus Christ, we say in a searching faith that this is not the end but that our God is a God of the living. Rather than his body we are left with the name, Elaine, which we now speak with reverence and affection.
And so we pray:

Lord God, remember this name which she was given by other people and by which she is known even though she is now dead, a name that you have written on the palm of your hand. We thank you, God, for Elaine, who was so near and dear to us and who has now been taken

from us. We thank you that even in the times of suffering she became a person who could love and she was a person others could love while she was with us here on earth.

We pray that nothing of her life will be lost, but that it will be of benefit to the world; that all she held sacred may be respected by those who knew her, and that everything in which she was great may continue to mean much to us now that she has died. We ask you that she may go on living in her family, and her friends, in their hearts and minds, their courage and their conscience.

We ask you, that we who were associated with her may now, because of her death, be even more closely associated with each other, and that we may, in this togetherness and peace and friendship here on earth be always deeply conscious of your promise to be true to us in death.

We ask you that Elaine, now living with you, will watch over us, and will intercede for us, that she may remind you unceasingly of our names as Jesus does, a person near you in eternity. As a sure sign of our hope that God will give a new and immortal body to Elaine and to all of us, and to bear witness to our faith in the resurrection, I bless her body with this Baptismal water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

CONCLUSION

FINAL PRAYERS

Priest: We now take Elaine, whom we have had among us for this last time to her rest and let her go in peace.

Priest: May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe away every tear from our eyes;
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

**ALL: Eternal rest grant to Elaine, O Lord.
 And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

**ALL: May she rest in peace.
 May her soul and those of all the faithful departed through the mercy
 of God rest in peace.**

FINAL HYMN: On Eagles Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my
Rock in whom I trust."

***Refrain** And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and
Famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge, his
Faithfulness your shield. ***(Refrain)***

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the
Arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. ***(Refrain)***

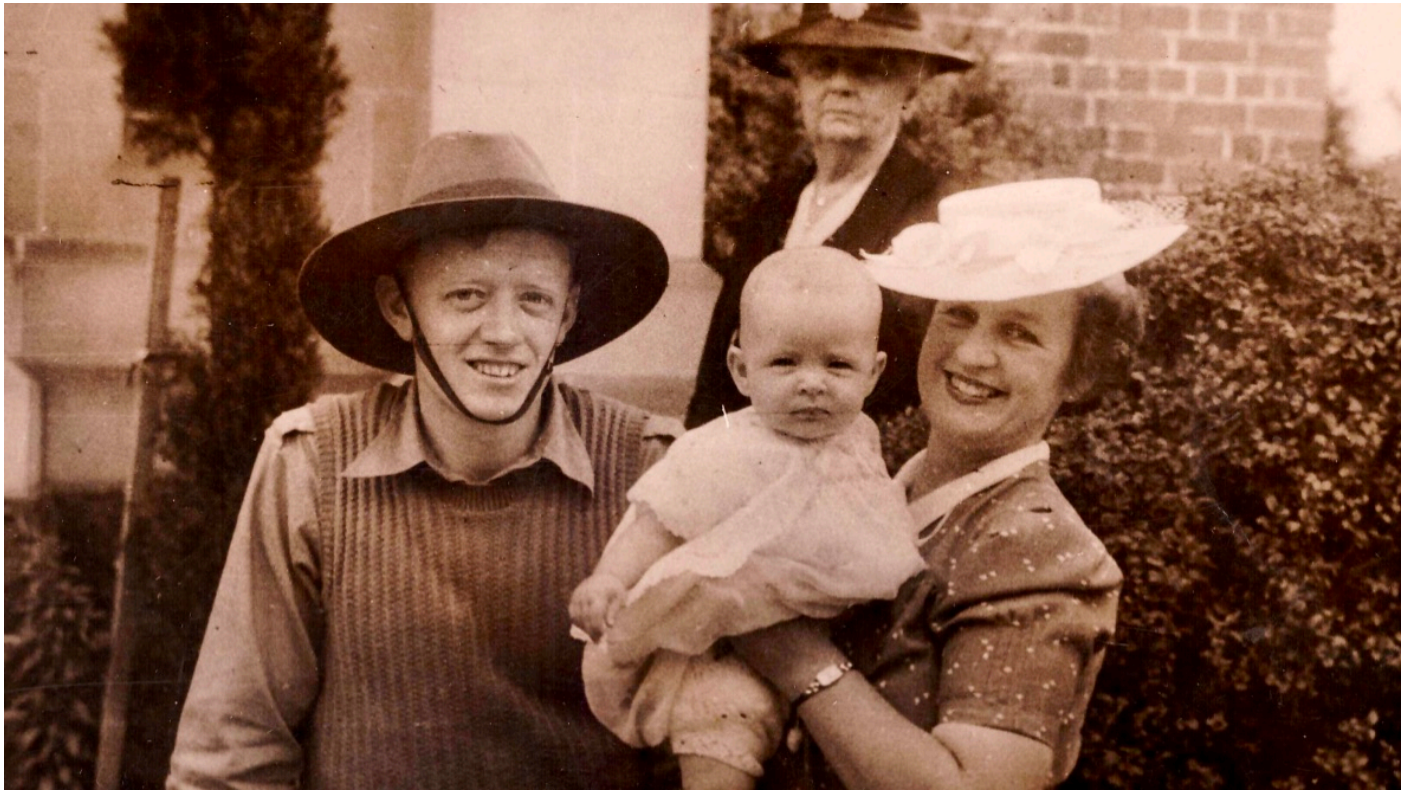
For to his angels he's given a command to
Guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you
Dash your foot against a stone. ***(Refrain)***

(Last refrain has a repeat of: "And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand".)

Elaine's family would like to thank you all for your prayers and support.

Please join them in the hall for refreshments after the service.

Elaine is to be privately cremated.





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