



Bridget Eliza Kinsman, née Ballot

13/11/1968 – 16/5/2018

*Service held at St Peter's Eastern Hill, May 24th, 2018,
with the assistance of Lonergan & Raven Funerals*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*A prelude is played by organist, Rhys Arvidson, as the congregation gathers. At 11am the church bell will be rung. Please stand as the sanctuary party enter from the West Door. The people's responses below are printed in **bold**.*

Fr Hugh Kempster, Vicar of St Peter's, says the invocation.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

Please be seated. Fr Hugh welcomes the congregation and then says:

We have come together to thank God for the life of Bridget Eliza Kinsman, to mourn and honour her, to lay to rest her mortal body, and to support one another in grief. We face the certainty of our own death and judgement. Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him. Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God, who created and sustains us all.

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.' *John 11:25*

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, God has prepared for those who love him. *1 Corinthians 2:9*

Let us pray:

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.

May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,

And fill us with compassion, one for another.

In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.

Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EULOGY AND REFLECTION

A time of Eulogy and Reflection opens with slides, accompanied by Ziggy Johnston, playing Cavatina (theme from The Deer Hunter) by John Williams.

The Eulogies are delivered by Bridget's husband Jefferson, sons John and Samuel, sister Claire, father-in-law John, and other family members.

Following the Eulogies Fantasia No.7 by John Dowland will be played by Ziggy Johnston.

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Please remain seated.

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:5-9).

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY AND PRAYERS

Fr Hugh will deliver a short homily, followed by prayers. At the conclusion of the prayers, all are invited to join in praying the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FAREWELL & COMMITTAL

Please stand. Fr Hugh says:

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Bridget by water and the Spirit. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way, to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Let us entrust our sister Bridget to the mercy of God.

**Heavenly Father, by your mighty power you gave us life,
And in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.**

We entrust Bridget to your merciful keeping:

in the faith of Jesus Christ,

**Who died and rose again to save us, and now lives and reigns
With you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept. Fr Hugh asperges the coffin with water as a symbol of the waters of baptism. He then says:

Bridget Eliza Kinsman, go forth on your journey from this world, in the name of God the Father who created you; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for you; in the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you; in communion with St Peter and all the blessed saints, and aided by angels and archangels and all the heavenly host. May your portion this day be in peace, and your dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem. **Amen.**

Fr Hugh uses incense as a symbol of our prayers rising to heaven. He then says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ. We here commit the body of our dear sister Bridget to be cremated in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal body that it may be like his glorious body.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Fr Hugh offers a blessing for the family and all the congregation:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as Bridget's casket is led from the church by the sanctuary party.

Recessional and Postlude: Choralvorspiel "Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ" (BWV 639) & Fugue in D Minor (BWV 539) by Johann Sebastian Bach, played on the organ by Rhys Arvidson.

All are invited to gather around the hearse after leaving church. The sacred ministers will then lead a procession to Albert Street.

Afterwards please stay for refreshments in the Parish Hall (the brick building on the far side of the church).

Bridget wrote down these words on April 21st, 2018,
to be shared with all:

I ask to be remembered by stories, photos, laughter.

*I have loved each and every person I have had the privilege of
coming into contact with. I appreciate the love, respect and
loyalty shown to me all my life.*

It is because of you that I had the privilege of a full, loving life.

“People are people through people.”

