

In Loving Memory of
Gildo Felicissimo



27th of November 1932 - 3rd of December 2019

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Song: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I am found
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
we have already come;
'Tis grace has brought us safe thus far,
and grace will lead us home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun

Greeting and Condolences -Fr. Ciril A. Bozic OFM OAM EV

The Penitential Rite:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Opening Prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. (14:7-9, 10b-12).

Reader:

Belinda Felicissimo

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord: and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: By my life – it is the Lord who speaks – every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Respond: *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm 22:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Readers:

Margaret Hilton and Rita Felicissimo

All Respond: *The Lord is my Shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.

Response:

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort.

Response:

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing.

Response:

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever.

Response:

Gospel

Fr Cyril

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

*A reading from the Holy 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 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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily.

The Prayers of the Faithful:

Readers: Claudia and Isabella Felicissimo, Jordan Hilton,
 John Felicissimo, Margaret Hilton

Introduction - Father:

Brothers and sisters, we gather together to celebrate the entrance into eternal life of our brother Gildo. Mindful of God's mercy and love, let us present our prayers to God, our heavenly Father.

Our response to these prayers is:

Lord, hear our prayer.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Lord, we give thanks for Gildo and for all he meant to us in this life. May he now enjoy the fullness of life in your presence. Lord, hear us

All: *Lord, hear our prayer*

We pray for all the members of Gildo's family and friends. May they be strengthened at this time of sorrow and may continue to be a comfort to each other. Lord, hear us

All: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Loving God, we are ever grateful for all the happy times we shared with Gildo and pray that we can find comfort and joy in the memories that we carry in our hearts. Lord hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer*

We pray for the sick and elderly, and for those who devote their time and energy to caring for them. Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer*

We pray for all who gather here today to worship in faith. May we always be support to each other. We ask you, our Lord and Redeemer, to be with us, as we witness your peace and love in our world. Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Father – Conclusion: Father in heaven, you love and care for us each day of our lives. May we know your presence in life and in death. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession: Claudia and Isabella Felicissimo

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Rite of Communion: Our Father (in English and Italian)

Music: *Ave Maria*

Eulogy to Father: by children - Margaret, Rita and John

Tributes: Grandchildren - Claudia and Isabella Felicissimo, Jordan and Stephanie Hilton

Photo Memories: My Way (Italian Version) – Frank Michael

Final Commendation and Farewell

Music: Time to Say Goodbye – Andrea Bocelli

Thank You

**The Felicissimo and Hilton families wish
to thank all their relatives and friends
for their kind expressions of sympathy,
kind thoughts, and prayers.**

**They are deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged.**

**After the service, the family will
proceed to a private burial.**

**As per Dad's wishes,
there will not be a wake.**



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