

*Requiem Mass of Thanksgiving  
and Celebration for the  
Life of Janet Mary Pearson*

*6th April 1955 - 19th October, 2020*



*St. Erconwald's Church  
9th November, 2020 - 2.00pm  
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Psaila*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Entrance:** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” [Sebastian Temple (1928-97)]

In the waters of baptism Janet died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

*[Sprinkle with holy water]*

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

### GREETING

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**R: *And with your spirit.***

### **INVITATION TO PRAYER**

#### PENITENTIAL RITE

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

**R: Lord, have mercy**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

**R: Christ, have mercy**

You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.

**R: Lord, have mercy**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sin, and lead us to life everlasting.

**R: Amen**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1John 3. 1-2

A reading from the First Letter of Saint 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.

**R: *Thanks be to God***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "*The Lord is my shepherd.*"

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.

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.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

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.





**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
that whoever believes in the Son  
shall have eternal life,  
and that I shall raise him up on the last day  
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: John 14. 1-6

The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**R: Glory to you, 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 would 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.

**R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **PRIEST:**

*God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.*

### **READER:**

We thank you for Janet's life and the love and times she shared with us: may she continue to be with us in our thoughts and prayers until we all come to our eternal home.

Lord, hear us **[Lord, graciously hear us]**

We pray for Janet, who in Baptism was given the pledge of eternal life and who ate the body of Christ, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints and be raised up on the last day

Lord, hear us **[Lord, graciously hear us]**

We pray for Janet's family and friends: Lord, who wept at the death of your friend Lazarus, help us in our grief, and let us know your peace.

Lord, hear us **[Lord, graciously hear us]**

For Janet's family. That her admiration of the Holy Family will shine through and be an example for us all.

Lord, hear us **[Lord, graciously hear us]**

We thank you for the care and dedication of the medical staff who cared for Janet, and pray for them and all key workers at this challenging time

Lord, hear us **[Lord, graciously hear us]**

We pray for those who are sick, suffering and those who care for them, especially at this difficult time. We pray particularly for the many people feeling isolated, and that the church can be your hands and feet finding ways to share your love.

Lord, hear us **[Lord, graciously hear us]**

For our deceased relatives and friends, for all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, hear us [**Lord, graciously hear us**]

We pray with Mary our Mother as we say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Let us pray for a moment in silence.

**PRIEST:**

*Hear, O Lord, the prayers of all who call upon you, for Janet and the souls of all your servants. May they be released from all their sins and be made sharers of your redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Sacrifice and Paschal meal that make the Sacrifice of the cross present in the Church. From the days of the Apostles the Church has celebrated that Sacrifice by carrying out what the Lord did and handed over to his disciples to do in his memory.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr. Anthony: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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 offerings*

**ALL: Amen.**

Preface Dialogue

Fr. Anthony: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

Fr. Anthony: Lift up your hearts.

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

Fr. Anthony: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Fr. Anthony continues with the Preface.*

*At the end of the Preface we say together:*

**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 3

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Fr. Anthony: The mystery of faith

**ALL: We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer concludes:*

Fr. Anthony: 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.**

### COMMUNION RITE

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

**ALL: 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.**

Fr. Anthony: 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.**

Fr. Anthony: 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.**

Fr. Anthony: Let us offer each other peace.



## BREAKING OF BREAD

**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.**

Fr. Anthony: 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.

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

Fr. Anthony: The Body of Christ

**ALL: Amen**

Fr. Anthony: The Blood of Christ

**ALL: Amen**

*Communion is given silently in the hand only, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. When the priest approaches, they should do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between the priest and the communicant. Their hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.*

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

*[based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*

## CLOSING PRAYER

### Tribute

## RITE OF COMMENDATION

### SONG OF FAREWELL

May the choirs of angels come to greet you.

May they speed you to paradise.

May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.

May you find eternal life.

The coffin is blessed and reverenced with holy water and incensed.  
The Prayer of Commendation follows.

Fr. Anthony: In peace let us take Janet to her place of rest.

**Recessional:** "Immaculate Mary" [Traditional]

*Janet's family would like to thank all those who have attended  
or followed this Mass on live stream  
to celebrate her life and to pray for her.*

*We would also like to thank all those who have offered their  
sympathy and support to us at this time.*

*Your prayers and words are a comfort and are appreciated.*

*Instead of flowers please feel free to make any donations payable to  
St. Etrconwald's RC Church, Wembley either directly or via the*

*Funeral Directors:*

*L.J. Butler & Son, 40 Kenton Park Parade, Harrow, Middlesex  
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*Have mercy, O Lord,  
on those who are mourning.  
There is an empty place  
in their lives  
which they cannot fill.*

*Give them the faith to cope  
with their loss each day.*

*May they come to accept  
your will and thank you  
for their precious memories  
of the dear ones you have called.*