

Parish of
St Mary & St Michael
Garstang

Burial Liturgy



Janet Mary Pearson

Friday 13 November 2020

INTRODUCTORY RITES

After the sign of the cross, Fr Geoffrey greets all who have gathered.

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

And with your spirit.

Fr John sprinkles the coffin with water:

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

After words of introduction, Fr Geoffrey says:

We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit
us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death.

Confident that God always remembers the good we have done
and forgives our sins, in the silence of our hearts, let us pray for
Janet, asking God to gather her to himself.

Pause for silent prayer.

Eternal God,
you made the love of man and woman
a sign of the bond between Christ and the Church.

Grant mercy and peace to Janet,
who was united in love with her husband, David.
May the care and devotion of her life on earth
find a lasting reward in heaven.

Look kindly on her husband and family
as now they turn to your compassion and love.
Strengthen their faith, and lighten their loss.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Scripture Reading : Matthew 5:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and he taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Geoffrey may speak briefly on the scripture, and on Christian death as a sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Place of Committal

Fr John blesses the grave.

Lord Jesus Christ,
by your own three days in the tomb,
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you
and so made the grave a sign of hope
that promises resurrection
even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that your servant Janet may sleep here in peace
until you awaken her to glory,
for you are the resurrection and the life.
Then she will see you face to face
and in your light will see light
and know the splendour of God,
for you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

Committal

During the committal the coffin is lowered.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend Janet to Almighty God,
and we commit her body to the ground:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her,
the Lord make his face to shine upon her,
and be gracious to her,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon her
and grant her peace.

Pause for silence.

Intercessions

Fr Geoffrey leads the prayers of intercession.

Dear friends, in reverence let us pray to God, the source of all mercies.

Gracious Lord, forgive the sins of those who have died in Christ.
Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Remember all the good they have done.
Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Welcome them into eternal life.
Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who mourn:
Lord, comfort them in their grief.
Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lighten their sense of loss with your presence.
Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Increase their faith, and strengthen their hope.
Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray also for ourselves, on our own pilgrimage through life.
Lord, keep us faithful in your service.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Geoffrey introduces the Lord's Prayer, which all recite together.

Our true home is in heaven; let us pray to the heavenly Father as Jesus taught his disciples.

**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.**

Concluding Prayer

Fr Geoffrey leads the concluding prayer of the liturgy.

Lord God,
whose days are without end
and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you
in union with the whole Church,
secure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer over the People

Bow your heads for God's blessing.

All pray silently.

Fr Geoffrey, with hand outstretched over the people, says:

Merciful Lord,
you know the anguish of the sorrowful,
you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people
who cry out to you in their need,
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto Janet, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Fr John concludes:

May the peace of God,
which is beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go, in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.