

Parish of St Mary & St Michael, Garstang

Funeral Vigil

3 January 2021

Mary Winstanley

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Reception of the Body

ALL RISE

Fr Geoffrey Steel, parish priest of St Mary & St Michael's, meets the procession at the door and leads it into church. The hymn "As I kneel before you," will be played.

After the sign of the cross, the priest greets all who have gathered. All respond:

And with your spirit.

Symbols of baptism have a central place in the funeral liturgy: Fr John sprinkles his mother's coffin with water from the baptismal font; the coffin is placed before the altar near the lighted Easter candle; symbols of Mary's faith are then placed on her coffin.

Opening Prayer

Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray, and in silence everyone gathers their thoughts.

On behalf of the whole Church, Fr Geoffrey intercedes for the deceased and for the mourners. All make the prayer their own by acclaiming: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ALL SIT

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as God really is.

At the end, all give assent to God's word in the acclamation:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 102

All repeat the response after the reader, and then after each verse.

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel acclamation

ALL RISE

All recite the Gospel acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord.

no one can come to the Father except through me

Alleluia.

John 14:1-6

The gospel begins:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

At the end, the gospel of Christ is acclaimed:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

ALL SIT

Fr Geoffrey reflects on the scripture readings, and on Christian death as a sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Intercession

ALL RISE

Fr Geoffrey leads the litany of praise in honour of Christ our Saviour, and all make the response.

Lord, have mercy.

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

**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 concludes the liturgy with a prayer, to which all respond: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Fr Geoffrey leads the blessing, in which all make the responses:

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours
for their good deeds go with them.

Eternal rest grant unto her, 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 Geoffrey prays over the people, and all respond: **Amen.**

In the blessing which follows, all respond: **Amen.**

At the conclusion of the Vigil, "Silent night," will be played.

Donations

Any donations in memory of Mary will be given to the work of Chivuna in Zambia. Thank you for your generosity.

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