

*For the Privilege and Honour*  
*of*  
**MARY LEELA EDWARD**

*1942*



*2021*



**REQUIEM MASS**

*St John Fisher Church*  
*80 Imperial Close, North Harrow, Harrow HA2 7LW*  
*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021, 11:00am*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ENTRANCE HYMN:

Abide with me,  
fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens;  
Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail,  
and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless,  
O abide with me.

Swift to its close  
ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim,  
it's glories pass away;  
change and decay  
in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not,  
abide with me.

I need thy presence  
ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil  
the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide  
and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe  
with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight,  
and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still,  
if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross  
before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom,  
and point me to the skies;  
heav'ns morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord,  
abide with me

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES & WELCOME**

**Celebrant :** Fr. Graham Stokes

**EULOGY:** Christy Edward

**OPENING PRAYER**

**FIRST READING:** Eugene Regis

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we heoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PSALM: The Lord's My Shepherd**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie.  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make.  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forever more  
My dwelling-place shall be.

### **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Happy are those who die in the Lord!  
Now they can rest for ever after their work,  
since their good deeds go with them.

### **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

(14:1-6)

**Glory to you O 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 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

### **Intercessions**

#### **Bidding prayers for Funeral service of Leela Edward RIP**

##### **Priest:**

God, the almighty Father raised Christ His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to love and care for all His people, living and dead

##### **Reader:**

Leela lived a long life; may she obtain rest from her labours, and the reward of all her goodness.

*Lord in your mercy.....*

That Christ may pardon Leela her sins and bring her to a place of light, happiness and peace.

*Lord in your mercy.....*

For those who cared for Leela: that their generosity may be rewarded with abundant blessings.

*Lord in your mercy.....*

That all who have known Leela, and who take part in this celebration, may receive an increase of faith, hope and love.

*Lord in your mercy.....*

That all the dead, especially Leela's relatives and friends, may find light, happiness and peace in the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Lord in your mercy.....*

Let us seek the intercession of Our Lady, Comforter of those who mourn as we

pray together HAIL MARY.....

In silence let us place our own intentions before the Lord

**Priest:**

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed sister Leela. Cleanse her and all the faithful departed of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption through Christ our Lord. Amen

**OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Here I am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**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.**

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And with your spirit.**

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

**It is right and just.**

**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.**

## **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

## **THE COMMUNION RITE**

**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.**

Deliver us Lord...

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**Behold the Lamb of God...**

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

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*If you are not a Roman Catholic, or are otherwise unable to receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms across your chest will indicate to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in the tide,  
wash me with water flowing from the side

Strength and protection may thy passion be;  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me, and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

### **Final Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy hearts wishes have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

# CREMATORIUM

**Welcome**

**Entrance Music:** You Raised me up

**Invitation Prayer**

**Scripture Verse**

**Sign of Farewell**

**Farewell Verses at the Committal:**

Priest: Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Hasten to meet him, anagels of the Lord

**All: Receive his soul and present him  
to God the most high.**

Priest: May Christ who called you, take you to himself;  
May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high**

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon him.

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.**

## Hymn: Nearer, My God, to thee..

Nearer, my God, to thee.  
Nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be

Nearer, my God, to thee  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer,  
The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me,  
My rest a stone,  
Yet in my dreams I'd be

There let the way appear,  
Steps unto heav'n;  
All that thou sendest me,  
In mercy giv'n;  
Angels to beckon me

Then with my waking thoughts  
Bright with thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs  
Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be

Or if, on joyful wing  
Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon and stars forgot,  
Upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be

## **Concluding Prayer:**

### **Prayer over the People:**

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord

**All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

Priest: May she rest in peace.

**All: Amen**

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

**All: Amen**

### **Prayer for the Mourners:**

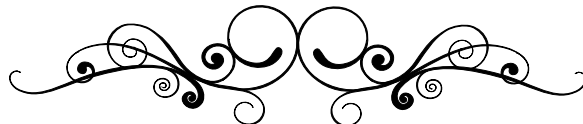
#### **Blessing:**

Priest: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

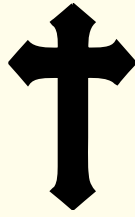
**Exiting Music:-**

**Only You**









**Cremation to be held  
at  
Breakspear Crematorium  
Breakspear Road, Ruislip  
Middlesex HA4 7SJ**

Following the cremation service, the family would like to invite you to join them for a meal to celebrate Leela's life.

at  
**Venue 5  
446 Field End Road, Eastcote  
Middlesex HA4 9PB**

We are grateful for and overwhelmed by the affection, love and support that has been extended to us by our friends and family worldwide, throughout Leela's illness. She was a very charitable and kind-hearted person of immense grace. Her generosity saw no bounds and we are the beneficiaries in return.

*Christy, Johann, Peter, and their families.*

In memory of Leela's generous life, the family have nominated two charities mainly to help children's wellbeing, especially in these times of tremendous turmoil around the world. Perhaps even in her passing she continues to provide for those in dire need. The donation access links for the charities are as follows;

***[www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk) and [www.onechildfoundation.uk](http://www.onechildfoundation.uk)***