



Requiem Mass
In Loving Memory Of



Ellen Dorothy Royal

8th November 1943 ~ 25th February 2023

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Griffith
Monday 6th March 2023



Ellen Royal

Dearly loved wife of

Geoff

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of

Denise & Steve

Peter & Sandra

Cherished Nanna of

Sean, Mitchell, Jae, Laura, Danielle and Thomas

Pall Bearers

Shane Armanini

Mitchell Phillips

Rhys Best

Sean Royal

Trent Robinson

Thomas Royal

Priest

Fr Cyprian Onuorah

Vocalist

Mechlene Nehme

Organist

Belinda Aventi



Fr Cyprian: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

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

ALL: And with your spirit.

We now invite Danielle Phillips to light the Paschal Candle

Fr Cyprian: In Baptism, Ellen received the light of Christ. This light has guided her through life.

All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome her into the Kingdom of light and peace.

We now invite Geoffrey to sprinkle the Holy Water.

Fr Cyprian: In the waters of baptism, Ellen died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

All: May she now share with Him eternal glory.

OPENING PRAYER

Fr Cyprian: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Ellen, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Read by *Judee Melville.*

PLEASE SIT

A READING FROM BOOK OF PROVERBS 31:10-31

Who shall find a valiant woman? She is worth more than precious gems. She is a woman of strength and dignity and has no fear of old age. When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule of everything she says. She carefully watches all that goes on throughout her household and is never lazy. She puts her back into her work and shows how strong her arms can be. She holds out her hands to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Her children stand and bless her; she is praised with these words.

There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all; Charm can be deceptive, and beauty does not last, but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised. Praise her for the many fine things she does. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 23
The Lord is my shepherd SUNG

SECOND READING: read by Francene Carroll

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:31-35. 37-39)

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.

Could anyone accuse those that God has Chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our

Lord.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:
He who believes in me will not die for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Fr Cyprian: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Cyprian: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (6: 37-40)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU LORD, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

HOMILY

PLEASE SIT

PLEASE STAND

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Read by *Jae Phillips*

Fr Cyprian: 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: For Nanna who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life; that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For Nanna who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For the family and friends of Nanna, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

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 brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

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We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Amazing Grace ~ Sr Maybelle

Offertory Procession

Danielle Phillips & Laura Royal

Fr Cyprian: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr Cyprian: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr Cyprian: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God. Wash me, O Lord from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Invitation to Prayer

Fr Cyprian: Pray, 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.

Prayers Over the Gifts

Fr Cyprian: Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servant Ellen may be taken up into glory with your son, in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Fr Cyprian: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Cyprian: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Fr Cyprian: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed Resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, With Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Fr Cyprian & All:

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.

Eucharist Prayer III

PLEASE KNEEL

The Mystery of Faith

All: **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

The Communion Rite

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

Fr Cyprian & 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 Cyprian: 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 wait the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Fr Cyprian: 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 Cyprian: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Cyprian: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The people exchange a sign of peace

Fr Cyprian & 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 Cyprian: 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.

Fr Cyprian & All:

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

Communion Hymn

I'll Be Always Loving You

Mamma



Prayer After Communion

PRIEST: Let us pray.
Lord God, whose Son left us in the sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Ellen may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Sharing Thoughts & Memories of Ellen
Denise, Peter & grandchildren.

Ellen's Life in Pictures

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

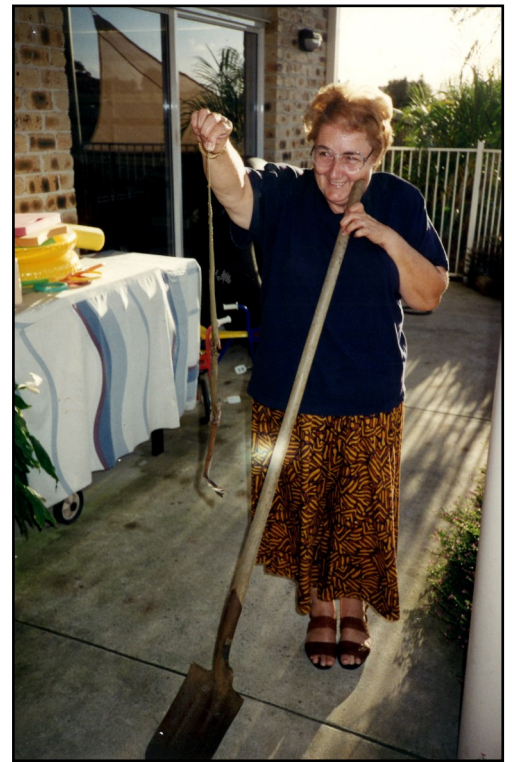
ALL: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Eagles Wings







To the *world* you are just one,
to us you are the *world*...



Thank you for your presence here today.
Your expressions of sympathy, support and friendship
are very much appreciated.

Please join us for light refreshments at the
Coro Club after the service.

Geoff, Denise, Steve, Peter and Sandra.

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