

In Loving Memory
of



Marie Swarbrick

27th February 1929 - 20th March 2022

Friday 22nd April 2022 at 11.00 am

St Mary and St Michael's Church, Garstang

Order of Service



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

All respond: **And with your spirit.**

Symbols of baptism have a central place in the funeral liturgy: Fr Geoffrey sprinkles Marie's coffin with water from the baptismal font; her coffin is then placed between the lighted Easter candle and the altar.

HYMN

Everyone is invited to sing the hymn,
"O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art), No. 721

OPENING PRAYER

Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray, and in silence everyone gathers their thoughts. On behalf of the whole Church, the priest intercedes for Marie and for the mourners. All make the prayer their own by acclaiming: **Amen.**

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1 JOHN 4: 7-12

God is love.

At the end, all give assent to God's word in the acclamation:
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22(23)

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

JOHN 11:17-27

All rise

The proclamation of the gospel is acclaimed with alleluias,
which all sing together. 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.

I am the resurrection and the life.

At the end, the gospel of Christ is acclaimed:
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

All rise

Intercession is made for the Church and the world, for Marie and those who mourn, and for all who are gathered here today. After each intention is announced, all pray in silence and then make the response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Fr Geoffrey concludes the intercessions with a prayer, to which all respond: **Amen.**

All sit

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration of Mass continues in the usual way: bread and wine are brought to the altar; God is praised and thanked in the Eucharistic prayer; the consecrated bread is broken; we are nourished by the body and blood of Christ in holy communion.

When the preparation is completed,
Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray.

All rise

All respond to the priest's invitation:

**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.**

Fr Geoffrey leads the prayer over the gifts,
to which all respond: **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

This great prayer is the centre and high point of the entire liturgy. Fr Geoffrey leads the praise of God and gives thanks for the wonders God has done, especially for the sacrifice of Christ's death and resurrection. The prayer begins:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The prayer includes three acclamations.

The music is given in the hymnbook, 553, 554a, and 555.

SANCTUS

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.

All kneel

MYSTERY OF FAITH

The mystery of faith.

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

GREAT AMEN

The Eucharistic prayer reaches its climax in praise of God as the consecrated bread and wine are lifted up.
All make the entire prayer their own in the final great Amen.

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.

Amen.

All rise

COMMUNION RITE

Preparation for holy communion begins with the Lord's Prayer; all then exchange a greeting of peace with one another; and the priest breaks the bread of the Eucharist in which all who receive the sacrament share as one body.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Deliver us, Lord...

... for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

RITE OF PEACE

Fr Geoffrey then implores peace and unity for the Church and for the whole human family. All respond: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Before sharing in holy communion, all exchange a greeting of peace with those around them. You are invited to bow, or to say “Peace be with you.”

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

While the consecrated bread is being broken and the preparations made for the distribution of communion, the ‘Lamb of God’ litany is prayed:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

All kneel

COMMUNION

In silence all prepare for Communion. The priest then extends an invitation to participate in the sacred meal, and all who will receive holy communion respond with a prayer of humility taken from the gospel:

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

Before receiving holy communion, each communicant makes a bow of reverence to the sacrament.

The minister says to each communicant:

The Body of Christ.

The communicant replies:

Amen.

Anyone unable to participate in the sacrament may request a blessing of the minister; to indicate this, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion, everyone is invited to sing the hymn, “On Eagle’s Wings – You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord,” 952.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After a time of silent praise,
the priest invites everyone to pray.
All rise

Fr Geoffrey leads the prayer, and all respond: **Amen.**

FINAL COMMENDATION

Before leaving the church, the assembly commends Marie to the mercy of God.

Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray. All spend some moments in silent prayer and remembrance. Marie's coffin is sprinkled with water from the baptismal font.

All sing:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The liturgy in church ends with a prayer commending Marie into God's hands.

All respond: **Amen.**

HYMN

During the procession from church, everyone is invited to sing the hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer," 960.

BURIAL

Please follow the family in the procession to our cemetery.





Following the interment, you are warmly invited back to Garstang Golf Club, Bowgreave Drive, Preston PR3 1YE, for light refreshments and to share memories of Marie.

Donations in memory of Marie, if desired, for the benefit of
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can be given at the service or sent directly
to the funeral director at the address below.



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