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SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

FOR THE LIFE OF

JEAN LANGMORE KIRBY

1st October 1915 - 24 August 1998

Wednesday 26 August 1998
Sydney

Celebrant
The Reverend Canon
Dr Stuart Barton Babbage AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER

The Congregation will stand and the Celebrant will say:

We come together – to mourn a relative, to honour a departed friend, to dispose reverently of the mortal body and to show sympathy with the bereaved.

We believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him.

Therefore in faith and hope we offer our prayer of thanksgiving and trust to God, in whose loving care we leave our friend, *Jean*; we recall the certainty of our own coming death and judgment; and we proclaim that Christ is risen, that those who believe in him will rise with him, and that we are united with them in him.

When requested by the Celebrant, the Congregation is invited, to join in the opening prayer.

God our Father
You alone are holy.
Forgive all our sins and failures.
Uphold us by your Spirit.
Enable us to show your compassion.
Give us in our sorrow the calm of your peace.
May our grief give way to joy;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THE SENTENCES

The Congregation remains standing. The Celebrant will say some of the appointed sentences:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
He who believes in me, though he may die, yet shall he
live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never
die.

John 11.25-6

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in
trouble.

Psalms 46.1

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

Matthew 5.4

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor
principalities, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of
God if Christ Jesus is our Lord.

Romans 8.36-3.9

What no eye hath seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of
man conceived, God has prepared for those who love
him.

1 Corinthians 2.9

The Celebrant invites the Congregation, standing, to say with him:

Heavenly Father,
In your Son Jesus Christ
You have given us a true friend and a sure hope.
Help us to live as those who believe in the communion
of saints,
The forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal
life;
Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE COLLECTS

The Congregation is seated and remains seated as the Celebrant says the following Collects.

For Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Aid Against All Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PSALM

DAVID KIRBY will read the Psalm of David, the Congregation remaining seated.

Psalm 23 A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE LESSON

DONALD KIRBY will read a passage from Scripture, the Congregation remaining seated.

1 Corinthians 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind, charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth, but whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease, whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

THE FIRST HYMN

The Congregation is invited to stand and join in the singing of the first hymn.

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;

3 Still to the lonely soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his cradle and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

John Keble 1792-1866 (vv 1 & 3)
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THE TRIBUTE

A Tribute will be delivered by MICHAEL KIRBY.

There will be a moment of reflection after the Tribute.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

The Celebrant will then invite the Congregation, remaining seated, to pray, saying:

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

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The Celebrant will then say, the Congregation remaining seated:

Holy and loving father
You gave us life when you created us,
And in your redeeming love you have given us new life
in Christ Jesus.

We give you thanks for your servant, *Jean*.
In faith and trust we leave her in your keeping;
Through Jesus Christ your son our Lord,
Who died and rose again to save us, and now lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort;
Deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn,
That casting all their care on you,
They may know the consolidation of your love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Almighty God
Grant that we, with those who have believed in you,
May be united in the full knowledge of your love
And the unclouded vision of your glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant will invite the Congregation to join in the saying of the
Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, which art in heaven
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that
 trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 But deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
 For ever and ever.

Amen.

THE COMMITTAL

The Congregation will stand as the Celebrant says the words of the
 committal.

Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of
 trouble.
 He comes forth like a flower, and withers.
 He passes like a shadow and does not stay.

In the midst of life we are in death.
 From whom may we seek for help, but from you, Lord
 God, though you are justly displeased on account of
 our sins?
 And yet, Lord God almighty, most holy and most
 merciful Saviour, deliver us from the bitterness of
 eternal death.
 You know the secrets of our hearts; mercifully hear us,
 most worthy judge eternal; keep us, at our last hour, in
 the consolation of your love.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 You have given us a sure and certain hope of the
 resurrection to eternal life;
 In our keeping are all those who have departed in
 Christ;
 We here commit the body of our dear sister, *Jean* to be
 cremated;
 earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
 in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
 and who shall change our mortal body
 that it may be like his glorious body
 thanks be to God who gives us to the victory
 through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Amen

St John the Divine tells us: I heard a voice from heaven saying, saying, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labours.'

Revelation 14.13

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life of all who believe in him, and who has taught us not to grieve, as people without hope, for those who sleep in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that when we depart this life we may rest in him as, our hope is, our sister *Jean* does, and that at the resurrection on the last day we may be found acceptable to you, and receive the kingdom prepared for all who love and fear you; grant this, merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our mediator and redeemer.

Amen

THE BENEDICTION

After the committal, the Celebrant will conclude:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.

Amen

THE CONCLUDING HYMN

1. The day you gave us Lord, is ended,
The darkness rolls at your behest;
To you our morning hymns ascended,
Your praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank you that your Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.
3. Across each continent and island
As dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bid us rest is waking
Our friends beneath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Your wondrous doing heard on high.
5. So be it Lord; your throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all your creatures own your sway.

John Ellerton
1826-93

JEAN LANGMORE KIRBY
Born: Friday 1 October 1915
Departed this life: Monday 24 August 1998

Beloved wife of Don.

Beloved mother of Michael, Donald, David (dec'd), David and Diana

Much loved grandmother of Jessica, Sam, Nicolas, Elisabeth,
Patrick, Julie, Donald and Daniel

Loving friend and mother-in-law of Johan, Susanne, Marie-Line
(dec'd), Judith and David

Faithful daughter to her parents William Spotswood Knowles (dec'd)
and Margaret Rushe Knowles (dec'd) and sister to Marguerite,
Elizabeth, Catherine and Winsome (all dec'd)

Newfound true friend to Don's grandmother (Annie Elizabeth (dec'd)
and mother (Norma (dec'd)) and much loved niece to his aunts
Anne, Lillian (dec'd) and Glory (dec'd).

Long-time friend to Marie and Gordon McLean and Bruce Bond.

Dear friend of Rama Yoo

True neighbour and friend of the Dominican Sisters Carmel, Mary,
Maureen and Marie of Concord and to many other residents of
Concord over 56 years. And of countless others elsewhere who
mourn her passing.

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