

Prayer Service for

# *Margaret Klapsas*

6th January 1940 ~ 23rd October 2023



Entrance Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All: **Amen.**

## GREETING

## OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray, almighty God, our Father, we firmly believe that your Son died and rose to life. We pray for our sister Margaret Maureen Klapsas, who has died in Christ. Raise her to share the glory of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
All: **Amen**

Celebrant: 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.**

## SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER *Fr Thomas Toretciu*

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism, Margaret died with Christ and rose with Him to a new life. May she now share with Him in eternal glory.  
All: **Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE *Glenis Smith*

Celebrant: In baptism, Margaret received the light of Christ. That light has guided her throughout her life. May she now enjoy the risen life with her risen Lord.  
All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
All: **Amen.**

## PLACING OF WHITE PALL *Jodie Heenan*

Celebrant: At her baptism, Margaret received a white garment, symbol of her dignity as a child of God. We now cover her coffin with a white cloth in recognition of her fidelity to God throughout her life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that she may have done during her life, but rather look upon her faithfulness to her God and her love for her family and friends.  
All: **Amen.**

## SYMBOL OF MARGARET'S LIFE *Karen Ramirez and Megan Briganti*

Celebrant: On the coffin, the family have placed items that have held a very special place in Margaret's life. A photo of Margaret as a child, that proudly hung in the family home. Along with more recent photo of Margaret at her 80th Birthday Party, where she celebrated with all of her nearest and dearest.

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Flora Racovalis, Teresa Anderssen, and Sally-Anne Mallyon*

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All: **Amen.** *(Please sit)*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

Margaret Klapsas: God looked around his garden- And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth- And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you -And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful -He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering -He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never – Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough – And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids – And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you – But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you – The day God called you home.

The Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *The Lord is my Shepherd (Sung)*

## A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (4:6-8)

Reader: The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

All: The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ACCLAMATION

Sung: **Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia,  
I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord, He who  
believes in Me will not die forever.  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: † A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6).  
All: **Glory to you, Lord.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: My dear friends, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, shall never die".

Mel Carthew: We thank you for the gift of Margaret's life, for her warmth, her loving nature, her deep love for her family, her generosity, courage, acceptance and devotion to all. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Paula Lekkas: We pray for Margaret's children, grandchildren, great grand children and wider family and friends in their deep sadness. Her devotion to her family and friends has been an inspiration to us all. We pray that we may draw strength and resilience from her example in our own lives. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Christine Klapsas: We pray for all here present today, and for all who are unable to be with us. May the love and friendship which binds us continue to enliven us in our journey through life. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Nathan Klapsas: We pray that Nan finds rest with our much loved Detho, parents, brother and all her loved ones who have gone before her. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Archer Mallyon: We would like to express our thanks to Dr Sam and the Team at Niddrie Medical Centre.

Finn Mallyon: Along with the compassionate Doctors and Nurses at Sunshine Hospital, who cared for Nan and supported family in her final days. Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God, 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 you this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: 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.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us 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 await 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.**

**REFLECTION** *Margarets life through photos and music*

#### FINAL COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Margaret. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

**RESPONSORY** *(the coffin is sprinkled with holy water & incensed)*

Celebrant: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her angels of the Lord.

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

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Celebrant: Father, into your hands we commend our sister Margaret. We are confident that with all who have died in Christ, she will be raised to life, and live with Christ for ever.

Lord, hear our prayer, welcome our sister Margaret to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith, until we all meet in Christ to be with you and our sister Tess for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: May the angels of the Lord accompany you, may the Martyrs welcome you on your arrival and lead you into the holy Jerusalem.

May the choir of angels come to meet you and with Lazarus who was poor here on earth may you enjoy eternal rest.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon her.

**All: Rest in peace, Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:** *One Day at a Time*







Words cannot express the feeling in our hearts.  
Thank you for being with us during this difficult time.  
Your thoughts, prayers and words of sympathy will always be remembered.

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