We celebrate and give thanks for the life of ~ Lis Dmytryk ~



Born: 5 September 1946 Entered Eternal Life: 18 January 2024 Celebrant: Fr Maurice Shinnick Venue: St Joseph's Chapel, Kensington



















Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome Sr Brigette Sipa

Greeting

- Fr Maurice: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *All: And with your spirit.*
- Fr Maurice: In the waters of baptism Lis died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him in glory.

Sprinkling of the coffin

Fr Maurice: Gathered with this faith community Lis was nourished at the table of the God's Word and the table of the Eucharist. We have been graced by her faith and love as she faithfully lived her Baptismal Promises.

Lis' body is accompanied into the Chapel by the community

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Gathering Song

Dancing with God

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- I cannot dance, O God, unless you lead me. And if you want me to leap for joy! Then you must be the first to dance and to sing and I will follow you, in your echo I will ring, then, only then; then only then; then only then; will I leap for joy!
- I cannot sing, O God, unless you lead me. And if you want me to sing for joy! Then you must be the first to sing out your song and I will follow you and sing right along, then, only then; then only then, then only then; will I sing for joy!
- 3. Lead me Lord in your joyful dancing I will follow in your dance of life. Then all my living will be true to you my loving God.
- 4. I cannot dance, O God, unless you lead me. And if you want me to leap for joy! Then you must be the first to dance and to sing and I will follow you, in your echo I will ring, then, only then; then only then; then only then; will I leap for joy. Will I leap for joy!

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Fr Maurice: In Baptism, Lis received the light of Christ. This light has guided Lis throughout her life and rises with her to new life. May she now enjoy eternal life with the risen Christ.

Placing of the White Cloth

Fr Maurice: Like the white coffin, the white cloth represents our Baptism. Lis was called by Christ and clothed in a garment of white. May Christ now gently enfold her in love and receive her into the embrace of God.



Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Adaptation of 11:16-18 from Book of Proverbs Sr Sheila McCreanor

When one meets a faithful woman, the moment is an awakening. She has committed her heart to goodness and the world has an unfailing friend. She develops her gifts with joy; she empowers those around her. She will dance in response to song; she will grieve in response to pain. She is decisive to wisdom and insight. With compassion she makes her choice. She knows that she is wounded and needs healing; she can do all things, life for her has purpose and pattern, yet she bows before mystery.

The Word of God *All: Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Eagle's Wings

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REFRAIN: I have carried you on eagle's wings! I will care for you in all your years!

- My heart is full of peace; You have been within my life! Your guiding hand has always covered me I am full of confidence in You! *R*.
- My soul is like a child, Cradled safe within your arms! You have carried me across my years! Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. *R*.
- Never need I be afraid!
 No matter how uncertain things may be!
 Sometimes thru' me, sometimes in spite of me, You seem to find your purpose in my life! *R*.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

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 God, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for God's appearing.

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Gospel Acclamation

Sing Alleluia, Alleluia
Say We know that when this earthly tent in which we live is taken down, we have an eternal house of God in heaven, not made by human hands.
Sing Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Gospel of the Lord *All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ* Sr Patricia Keane

Homily

Universal Prayer

- Fr Maurice: Gathered together as a community of faith, we unite in prayer with and for the Church, for peace in our world and to give thanks for the life of Sr Lis Dmytryk .
- 1. We give thanks for all who are called through Baptism to serve in our Church especially those entrusted with leadership roles. May all follow the example of Joseph, to serve all with humility, generosity, integrity and with hearts longing for justice. We pray. *Response:* Loving God, hear us.
- 2. We pray for all those who are saddened by Lis' death: the Sisters of Saint Joseph, her family and friends. May we be comforted in our loss by God's consoling presence and precious memories. We pray. *Response:* Loving God, hear us.
- 3. We give thanks for Lis who touched the lives of many through her generosity, kindness, friendship and a listening ear. May Lis' spirit of service to all be a source of gratitude and appreciation. We pray. *Response:* Loving God, hear us.
- 4. We give thanks for Lis' family. May their lives be blest with the richness of God's love. May the deceased members of her family rest in peace with their Creator. We pray. *Response:* Loving God, hear us.
- 5. We give thanks and pay tribute for Lis' generous sharing of her numerous skills in so many areas and especially in sharing her knowledge of how to move and give new life to houses and furniture. Lis strived to enhance the lives of our Sisters through her assistance in home making. We pray. *Response: Loving God, hear us.*
- 6. We give thanks for all those who supported, loved and cared for Lis throughout her life and especially in her time of illness. We offer special gratitude to the Sisters for their loving care of Lis on this journey. Lis appreciated all that was done for her, noting her frequent expressions of gratitude for the care given in Mary Potter Hospice, where she experienced peace and beauty. We pray. *Response: Loving God, hear us.*

Fr Maurice: We make these prayers loving God, both those spoken and unspoken. We are confident that you receive our prayers and continue to walk with us and through us as we journey through life. We ask this in Jesus' name. *Response: Amen*.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts

How Beautiful

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How beautiful on the mountain top are the feet of those who bring Your word. How beautiful on the city streets are the lips of those who speak Your peace. How beautiful.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy, Holy Spoken

Eucharistic Acclamation

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord And profess your Resurrection Until you come again.

Great Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father Spoken

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God Spoken

Communion Hymn A Journey Remembered

Chorus O praise the Lord, my soul. My God, how great you are.My heart and my soul sing out your praise.My God, how great you are.

- 1. You have carried me within your arms whenever I've known fear. You have waited patiently for me, then you drew me near. You have run beside me even when I didn't want to know that you are my home and my joy.
- 2. In the doubting times you touched my hope and showed me how to be. In the hours of fear and hopelessness your truth set me free. In the memory of family I learnt to know your name, learnt that you are my home and my joy.
- 3. Lord, bless the place where I was born and those who carried me. Lord, bless the many smiles, who have kindly set me free. Lord, bless the many little ones who've shown your face to me: you are my home and my joy.
- ChorusO praise the Lord, my soul. My God, how great you are.My heart and my soul sing out your praise.My God, how great you are.

Communion Hymn

Gentle Is My Love

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- Gentle, gentle is my Love Gentle, gentle is my Love Gentle as the morn that steals thru the sky As gentle as the one who sings to her child.
- Silent, silent is my Love Silent, silent is my Love.
 As silent as the moon, rising from the sea As silent as the night, softly falling on me.
- Waiting, waiting is my love Waiting, waiting is my love. Faithful is my love, ever new, never changing And I will arise, I will go to his side. Gentle, gentle is my love.

Prayer after Communion

Final Commendation

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

I now invite Sr Pauline to lead the final commendation.

Trusting God, we have prayed for Lis and we come now to take our leave of her. There is sadness in parting but we take comfort in the hope that we shall see Lis again and enjoy her friendship.

As the coffin is sprinkled and incensed, we are all invited to extend a hand toward the coffin in blessing.

The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed by Sisters Susan Pollard and Elizabeth Morris

Let us pray together.

- All: May the road rise up to meet you And the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face And the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again Know that you are held in God's eternal love.
- Sr Pauline: God of consolation You grant the light of faith that guide our earthly journey. Walk with us that we may all reach the joys You have prepared for us which are beyond all our imagining. We ask this with Jesus, our companioning presence. *All:* Amen

Recessional Music

You Raise Me Up

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Coffin to Hearse

When our life on earth is ended, and the last day of the world, we shall all be gathered in the presence of our God. And in the things which now are hidden, which we cannot understand we will then see clearly God's loving guiding hand.

All Is Well

REFRAIN: None of us will say if we had known these things there need not have been the pain, instead there will be joy at the amazing love in everything ordained...
And we'll cry Lord may you be blessed for all is well, Lord may you be blessed for all is well, all is well forever.

2. For in spite of all our pain and the sorrow we endure, God is truly with us and His love forever sure. It is His will that we should know we are always in his care, God holds us in such love, we never need despair.

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Lord, may you be blessed for all is well. Lord, may you be blessed for all is well. Lord, may you be blessed for all is well! All is well forever. All is well!















~ Elisabeth ~



Origin: Elizabeth Hebrew "Dedicated to God"

Personal: Nature: Spirit: Temperament: Character: Mind: Manner: Outlook:

She is a Person of Action, not merely words Harmony and Beauty are part of her soul She puts power into everything she does She is a faithful friend She does not waste what she has Possesses an inquisitive nature Enjoys different adventures Always has a minute to listen and care