

In Memory
of
Regina Rajanayagam



02.03.1937 - 10.02.1999

Requiem Mass

at

St John Fisher Church

Thanet Road

Bexley, Kent

at 10.00 am

on

18th February 1999

Regina will be laid to rest

at the

Hither Green Cemetery

Vardent Lane, London SE6

on the

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at

12 Noon

ENTRANCE HYMN

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy sceptre own,
in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark! The loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name thee,
while in essence only one
undivided God we claim thee;
and adoring bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.
4. Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,
by a thousand snares surrounded;
keep us without sin today;
never let us be confounded.
Lord I put my trust in thee,
never, Lord, abandon me.

READING: Read by Kathy Connelly

The first reading is from the book of Apocalypse -21:1-7

There will be no more death

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, "You see this city? Here God lives among men.

He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.”

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: “Now I am making the whole of creation new,” he said. “I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: - The response is:

“Lord, you are my Shepherd, you are my friend, I want to follow you always. Just to follow my friend.”

Solo verses

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John -6:37-40

**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.**

Jesus said to the crowd:

“All that the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me
I shall not turn him away;
because I have come from heaven,
not to do my own will,
but to do the will of the one who sent me.

Now the will of him who sent me
is that I should lose nothing
of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Yes, it is my Father's will
that whoever sees the Son and believes in him
shall have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

BIDDING PRAYERS - Read by Anandi Arasa Ratnam

1. Bless us Lord, and bring to Regina's family and friends peace and comfort in their time of grieving. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

2. Lord, may we be instruments at your peace. May we bring pardon, faith, hope and joy to each other in our world today. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

3. Lord, gentle shepherd, who brings rest to our souls, give peace to Regina forever. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

4. And we ask the help of Mary our heavenly Mother as we pray:

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed art Thou among women and
blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

OFFERTORY

Offertory procession: Anthony & Sharmini

OFFERTORY HYMN

As I Kneel Before You

1. As I kneel before you,
as I bow my head in prayer,
take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

*Ave, Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

2. All I have I give you,
ev'ry dream and wish are yours.
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.
3. As I kneel before you,
and I see your smiling face,
ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
is lost in your embrace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Priest continues alone.

- All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

Acclamation of Faith

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Priest continues alone and concludes with:

FINAL DOXOLOGY: IN PRAISE OF GOD

Through him, with him, in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

RITE OF COMMUNION

Priest: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our
Saviour gave us:

**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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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

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

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

The priest continues quietly and concludes with:

Priest: This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Abide With Me

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

EULOGY: by Fr Rajan

FINAL COMMENDATION:

May God bless and keep you
May God's face shine on you
May God be kind to you
And give you peace

Recessional Music:

AT THE CEMETERY

John Newton (1725-1807)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. It was grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
His grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will be my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the "Haematology Research Fund" of the Queen Mary's Hospital Trust(Sidcup) are invited to do so in the basket left in the Church porch.

