

The Requiem Eucharist
in Thanksgiving for the Life of

Patricia Elaine Byrne

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St Michael's Anglican Church

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In the Name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' John 11.25,26

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

We have come here today
to remember before God our sister, Patricia Elaine Byrne;
to give thanks for her life;
to commend her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;
to commit her body to be cremated,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord.

1 Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found -
we stand on holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -
our radiant King of light!
Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3 Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace -
no work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

A time of reflection of Trisha's life: Brett Byrne

Following the reflections there will be a slideshow of Trish's life.

The Collect

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13.1-8, 13
Read by Hannah Byrne

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Read by Michelle Fleming

Response: Shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth.

1 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his face with songs of joy.

2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R.**

3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is forever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations. **R.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
14.1-6

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Father David Still

The Prayers

For our brother James, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, “ I am the Resurrection and I am the life.

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Trish, and dry the tears of those who weep.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow,
as we pray for Brett, Annette, Kyra, Hannah and Samuel,
Justine, Bridget, Liam, Mackenzie and Morgan,
Simon, Kristal, Ava, Lily and Essi,
Judy and Peter, their families and all who mourn today.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You raised the dead to life, give to our sister Trish eternal life.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister Trish to
the joys of heaven.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our sister Trish was washed in the waters of Baptism and anointed with the
Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table
in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our
consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Trish , who was reborn by
water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism, Grant that her death may recall to us
your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your
Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the
way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to
the ages of ages.

Amen.

Father of all, we pray to you for Trish, and for all those whom we love but
see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon
them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed,

rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn:

1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do all what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God forever.

May all who are called to a place at your table follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with James all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and saying:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet:
grant that this sacrament may be to us
a comfort in affliction
and a pledge of our inheritance
in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

**Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

- 1 The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls 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 bids us rest is waking
our friends beneath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous doings heard on high.

5 So be it, Lord; your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires shall pass away;
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till your creatures own your sway.

John Ellerton
1826-93

Commendation

Let us commend Trish to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory
and claiming his promises,
we entrust Trish to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive
and reigns with you,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Committal

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great goodness.
As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place will know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever toward
those that fear him
and his righteousness upon their children's children.

We have entrusted our sister Trish to God's mercy,
and we now commit her body to be cremated:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our frail bodies
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,
who died, was buried, and rose again for us.
To him be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

As we leave the Church.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen,
giving light to those who sat in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven
to all who believe in him, saying,
Come, O blessed of my Father;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

and

Lord now you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
a light to reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel.

