

Funeral Mass Kathleen “Kitty” McCarthy
Saturday, March 20, 2021

Prelude: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand, Gather #955*

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on let me stand,
I am tired I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Introductory Rites:

Rite of Reception, sprinkling and placing of the pall. We are reminded of Kitty’s baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection. The white cloth is a sign of Christ’s resurrection from the dead and the white garments that the redeemed wear before God’s throne in heaven.

Opening Song

Be Not Afraid, Gather #683

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Ref. Be not afraid, I go before you always.
 Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow’r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

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Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Wisdom (3:1-9)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103, The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Second Reading: Romans (5:5-11)

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Homily

Petitions: *Please respond:* "Lord, hear our prayer."

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts: *We Remember, Gather #681*

Ref. We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. (ref.)
2. Now we recreate your love,
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal:
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. (ref.)

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Holy

Chant

Memorial Acclamation

B, When we eat this bread

Amen

Chant

Lamb of God:

Chant

Communion Rite

At this time, Holy Communion will be distributed. For those who are not Catholic, they may come forward to receive a blessing or may choose to remain in their pew.

Communion Song: *On Eagle's Wings, Gather #691*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Ref. And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield (ref.)

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. (ref)

4. For to his angels, he's given a command,
To guard you in all your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (ref.)

Text: Psalm 91; Michael Joncas, b. 1951
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Closing Prayer

Rite of Farewell *Eye Has Not Seen, Gather #728*

Ref. Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

2. Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.
3. To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ever near,
reflected in the faces
of all the poor and lowly of the world.
4. We sing a mystery from the past in halls
where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus,
Living Song of God.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Recessional Hymn: *How Great thou Art, Gather #578*

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Ref. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

2. And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
2. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

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