

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Helena Van Den Bulk

10TH AUGUST 1927 – 18TH DECEMBER 2023

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY, 2024 AT 10.00AM
FR PETER MY OFFICIATING



ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I am Lord - sung by Dan Schutte

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart***

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Fr Peter The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And with your spirit.

*Fr Peter now sprinkles the coffin with baptismal water saying:
In the waters of baptism Helena died with Christ and rose with him to
new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: *Rod Nicholas*

OPENING PRAYER

Fr Peter Lord, in our grief we turn to you. Are you not the God of love always ready to hear our cries? Listen to our prayers for your servant Helena whom you have called out of this world: lead her to your kingdom of light and peace and count her among the saints in glory.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Rod Nicholas

Proverbs 31

A perfect mother-who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. She is always busy with her home, she does her work with eager hands. She finds her labour well worthwhile; her lamp does not go out at night. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. She is clothed in strength and dignity, she can laugh at the days to come. When she opens her mouth with wisdom; on her tongue is kindly instruction. She keeps good watch on the conduct of her household, never asking for anything herself.

Her children stand up and proclaim her blessed, and sing her praises: 'Many women have done admirable things, but you surpass them all!'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the will of my father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-6

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel from according to John.

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Sheree Johnston

We give thanks for the gift of families. We are continually blessed by, and thankful for, the joy, support, love, and strength we find in families. We especially give thanks for Oma's loving children, their partners whom she embraced as her own, and her cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren, and for the special times that we shared with her. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Oma taught us the value of family life, the way to care and share with others, and how to be true and honest with ourselves. May we always show the strength and patience that Oma reflected in her life. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the dedicated staff of Warmington Lodge, doctors, and nurses, and all who have cared for Oma, that their works may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Today we entrust Oma into your loving care. Please welcome her into your heavenly home where she will enjoy peace and happiness forever with Opa, Roger, family, and friends who have gone before her. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the Blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The liturgy of the eucharist now continues as normal.

OFFERTORY

The gifts are brought forward by

Bethany and Zac Johnston and Georgia Van Den Bulk

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman - sung by Marilla Ness

1. Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen

Refrain

Gentle Woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright.

Gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.

2. You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women, and for woman, shining one.

Refrain

3. Blessed are you among women; blessed in turn, all women too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits, blessed they with gentle hearts.

Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN

Ava Maria

Prayer after Communion

Fr Peter: Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this eucharist, bring our sister Helena, the peace of your eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

REFLECTION

FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr Peter: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister, Helena. 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.

The coffin is once more sprinkled with baptismal water & incensed in memory of the fact that in life the body was the temple of the Holy Spirit.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Peter: 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.

Fr Peter: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

Fr Peter: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Helena in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever.

All: Amen

RECESSIONAL SONG

Time to say Goodbye – Sarah Brightman

*The pallbearers may now come forward
and escort Helena from the Church*



**Peter Van Den Bulk, Rod Nicholas
Troy Van Den Bulk, Ben Nicholas**

The service will continue at the Yass Lawn Cemetery



The Divine Weaver

*My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me,
I cannot choose the colours
He worketh steadily.*

*Oft times He weaveth sorrow
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I, the underside.*

*Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skilful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.*

*He knows, He loves, He cares -
Nothing His truth can dim;
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.*





Thank you for sharing today with us. Our family would like to thank everyone who has offered their kind thoughts and support to us. Your love and care in so many ways is greatly appreciated.



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