

*“God saw that she was weary, the hill too steep to climb ...*

*So He closed her eyes and whispered, “Peace be thine”.*

# *A Mass of Thanksgiving*

*To celebrate with love the life of*

*Jane Emily Smith*

*Born into this Life: 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1929*

*Born into Eternal Life: 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018*

*St Peter's Catholic Church, Caboolture*

*Celebrant: Fr David Pascoe*

**PALL BEARERS** ....., ....., .....,  
....., ....., .....,

*I am standing on the sea-shore.*

*A ship spreads its white sails  
to the morning breeze  
and starts for the ocean.*

*I stand watching  
until it fades on the horizon,  
and someone at my side says,  
"She is gone".*

*Gone where?*

*The loss of sight is in me, not in her.*

*Just at the moment  
when someone says "She is gone",  
there are others who are watching her coming.*

*Other voices take up the glad shout  
"Here she comes!"*

*That is dying*

*Henry Scott Holland*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**      **"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"**

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.*

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

Blessed are you among women. Blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts. **R**

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*Jane's family wish to thank you for your presence here today  
and for your support and care of them during this difficult time.*

*They'd like to invite you to join them  
for refreshments and to share your memories  
in the Mary MacKillop Hall  
at the conclusion of the Eucharist.*

*Fr David:* Into Your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Jane, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Christ on the last day.

We thank You for all the blessings which You bestowed on Jane in this life: they are signs to us of Your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

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 until we all meet in Christ and are with You and our sister Jane forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

### **PRAYER FOR THE MOURNERS**

*Fr David:* Merciful Lord, You know the anguish of the sorrowful; You are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear Your people who cry out to You in our need and strengthen our hope in Your lasting goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Fr David:* Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

**All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

*Fr David:* May she rest in peace.

**All: Amen.**

*Fr David:* May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**All: Amen.**

*Fr David:* May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe away every tear from our eyes: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Fr David:* Go in peace, as we farewell Jane to God's eternal rest.

### **OPENING HYMN:**

***"Come As You Are"***

Come as you are - that's how I want you; Come as you are - feel quite at home  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven; Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear - love sets no limits. No need to fear - love never ends  
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened. Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous. I came to bring peace, not to condemn  
Each time you fail to live by my promise, why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are - that's how I love you. Come as you are - trust me again  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you. All will be well just come as you are.

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### **GREETING**

*Fr David:* We come together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Fr David:* May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### **Sprinkling with Holy Water**

*Fr David:* In the waters of baptism, Jane died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.

**All: May she now share eternal life with Christ in glory**

### **Placing Of Pall**

*(Placed on by members of the family)*

*Fr David:* In Baptism, Jane was clothed in the white garment which is the outward sign of our Christian dignity as sons and daughters of God.

**All: May she stand before the Lamb of God dressed in the white robe of salvation.**

### **EULOGY**

*Jane's Daughter*

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

*Fr David:* My brothers and sisters, we have come together to renew our trust in Christ who, by dying on the cross, has freed us from eternal death and, by rising, has opened for us the gates of heaven.  
Let us pray for our sister Jane that she may share in Christ's victory, and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the gift of his loving consolation.

## OPENING PRAYER

*Fr David:* God of mercy, look kindly on Jane, we thank you for the gift of her life and the many kindnesses that she showed us. Now you have called her to Yourself, give her full stature in Christ. As she served You faithfully throughout her life, give her the fullness of peace and joy. Welcome her into paradise where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### FIRST READING *1 John 3:1-2*

*(read by .....)*

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## FINAL COMMENDATION

*Fr David:* So we reverently bring Jane 's body in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God who give life to all things that he will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and the company of all the saints.  
May God give Jane a merciful judgment and forgive all her sins.  
May Christ the Good Shepherd lead her safely home to be at peace with God the Father.  
And may she be happy for ever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

*(The coffin is now sprinkled with Baptismal Water and incensed as a sign of respect)*

## SONG OF FAREWELL

*Fr David:* 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 David:* May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

*Fr David:* 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.**

*(We now pause for a moment of silent remembrance)*

## FINAL FAREWELL

*Fr David:* Lord, receive Jane into your Kingdom.  
May she live in your presence forever.

May she rejoice in the love of your saints,  
And become their fellow citizen in heaven.

May she share Christ's victory over death  
and come with Him to the day of resurrection.

May we say our farewell in hope.  
May Christ be the friend who says "Welcome".

May we always be united in the love of Christ  
and one day meet again in the joy of God's Kingdom.

*All:* **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**    *“Hail Queen of Heaven”*

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below;  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care -  
save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that he has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,  
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
The source of life, of grace, of love,  
Homage we pay on bended knee;  
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**    *“The Lord's My Shepherd”*    (Sung)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill:  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me  
And in God's house forever more my dwelling place shall be.

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**SECOND READING**    *Philippians 1:3-11*    (read by .....

I thank my God whenever I think of you and every time I pray for you I pray with joy remembering to spread the good news from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the one who began this good work in you will see that it finished when the day of Christ Jesus comes. It is only natural that I should feel like this towards you all, since you have shared the privileges which have been mine. You have a permanent place in my heart and God knows how much I miss you all. Loving you as Christ Jesus loves you, my prayer is that your love for each other may improve more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless and prepare you for the day of Christ when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    (Please stand to welcome the Gospel.)

**All: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, to me, all you who labour  
and are over-burdened and I shall give you rest.  
For I am gentle and humble of heart. Alleluia!**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Fr David:* Father, all-powerful God, we pray for our sister Jane whom you have called from this world.

May this Eucharist cleanse her, forgive her sins, and raise her up to eternal joy in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord

**All: Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING***John 14:1-4*

*Fr David:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Fr David:* A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

*Fr David:* 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 you 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**HOMILY** *Fr David*

*Fr David:* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*Fr David:* Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you". Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church and graciously grant us peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

*Fr David:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit**

*Fr David:* Let us offer each other a sign of peace

*(All are now invited to share with one another a sign of comfort and peace.)*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Fr David:* This is Jesus Christ, in whom our hope of resurrection dawned. Happy are we who are called to this supper.

**All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Fr David:* Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope, Mark our Archbishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant, Jane, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that she who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Joseph her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

**All: Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Fr David:* Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(led by .....)

*Fr David:* Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

*Reader:* For Jane, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that she may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* The family and friends of Jane seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* That our Lord Jesus, who blesses those who mourn and are in pain, will look kindly upon Jane's family and friends who gather around her today. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* For the staff and medical professionals who cared for Jane - that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* For all who grieve over the sadness of fare welling Jane - that they be comforted in the knowledge that she now dwells with God. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Fr David:* God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

..... bring forth the gifts of Bread & Wine

### CALL TO PRAYER

*Fr David:* Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All:* **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all His Holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Fr David:* Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the eternal peace of Jane. May Christ be merciful in judging her for she has believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

### PREFACE

*Fr David:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit**

*Fr David:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Fr David:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right and just**

*Fr. David:* It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.

Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim

*All:* **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. 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.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Fr David:* Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time, he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "*Take this all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.*"

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: "*Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins*".

*"Do this in memory of me".*

*Fr David:* The mystery of faith!

*All:* **We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**