



Funeral Liturgy to pray for the repose of the soul of

## Joyce Barrett

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1932 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

The Church of St Edward the Martyr, Wareham

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

1:00pm

*All stand. At the door of the church, the priest sprinkles the coffin with Holy Water, as a reminder of baptism, in which Christ promises eternal life to his people. He says:*

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: In the waters of baptism Joyce died with Christ and rose to new life with him. May she now share with him eternal glory.

### **Opening Hymn**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the worlds tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

## Welcome

*The coffin is taken into the church, and on it is placed the book of the Gospels, his Word which nourishes our Christian souls during our lives. The priest welcomes all present and invites them to pray for Joyce.*

## Opening Prayer

## Reading

*Wisdom 3:1-6:9*

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,  
No torment shall ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the unwise, they did not appear to die,  
Their group looked like a disaster,  
Their leaving us, like annihilation;  
But they are in peace,  
If they experienced punishment as men see it,  
Their hope was rich with immortality;  
Slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be.  
God has put them to the test  
And proved them worthy to be with him;  
He has tested them like gold in a furnace,  
And accepted them as a holocaust.  
They who trust in him will understand the truth,  
Those who are faithful will live in him in love,  
For grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, you whom my Father has blessed,

Says the Lord;

Take for you heritage the kingdom prepared for you

Since the foundation of the world.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up to the hill. There he sat down, and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How happy are the poor in spirit;

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

They shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

They shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

They shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

They shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

They shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

They shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

## **Homily**

## **Bidding Prayers**

After each prayer the response is 'Lord Graciously Hear Us'

## The Lord's Prayer

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 today 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.

## Closing Prayer

**Eulogy and a few words from Christine ~ Read by Barry Cole**

## Final Commendation and Farewell

*As the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water, and incensed, the priest prays for Joyce. Holy Water is a reminder of the new life of baptism; incense is a sign of honour to the human body, which in life is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.*

- Priest: Saints of God come to her aid, hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.
- People: **Receive her soul, and present her to God, the Most High.**
- Priest: May Christ who called you take you to himself, and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.
- People: **Receive her soul, and present her to God, the Most High.**
- Priest: Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
- People: **Receive her soul, and present her to God, the Most High.**

## Prayer of Commendation

## Hymn

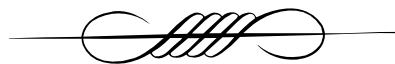
Day is done, but love unfailing  
Dwells ever here;  
Shadows fall, but hope prevailing,  
Calms ev'ry fear.

Loving Father, none forsaking,  
Take our hearts, of love's own making,  
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,  
Be always near.

Dark descends, but light unending  
Shines through our night;  
You are with us, ever lending  
New strength to sight:  
One in love, your truth confessing,  
One in hope of heaven's blessing,  
May we see, in love's possessing,  
Love's endless light!

Eyes will close, but you, unsleeping,  
Watch by our side;  
Death may come, in love's safekeeping  
Still we abide.

God of love, all evil quelling,  
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,  
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,  
This eventide.



This Service will be followed by cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium to  
which you are all welcome



Christine, Will and Martin wishes to thank you for all your kind messages of sympathy and support and for attending this Service here today to celebrate Joyce's life.

There will be a Retiring Collection in memory of Joyce for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Donations may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU.

Or made online at: [www.funeraldirector.co.uk/joyce-barrett](http://www.funeraldirector.co.uk/joyce-barrett)

You are warmly invited to Pine Martin Grange Care Home, following the service at Bournemouth Crematorium for refreshments..