

Funeral Mass

**Commendation to God and
Celebration of the Life of**



Jane Smith

30 September 1941 - 28th January 2015

**Our Lady of Victories Church
Glenelg SA**

4 February 2015

Gathering Rite

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Celebrant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: And with your Spirit

Welcome and Introduction: Fr. Anthony Kain

Sprinkling with Water of Baptism – promise of eternal life

Gathering Hymn: HERE I AM LORD

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

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.

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.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

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Placing of the Pall: Jack and Sue

Lighting of the Paschal Candle: Catherine and Carmel

Placing of the Symbol: Max

Eulogies: Nick and Mark

Opening Prayer: Fr. Anthony Kain

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 25: 6-9 **Reader: Mark**

Reading concludes: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM The Lord is My Shepherd:

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
Valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

Antiphon: I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love,
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey, to where we are going,
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders he's given to me. Antiphon

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SECOND READING: I John 3:1-2 Reader: Tracey

Reading concludes: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

**I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia**

GOSPEL John 14: 1-6

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY Fr. Anthony

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: We give thanks for the years we had Jane with us.
We pray that she is in peace and free from pain and suffering.
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Reader: We ask blessings for Jane's family and friends.
Give them your love, comfort and support at this time.
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Reader: We pray that we may lead our lives in the same gentle,
caring manner in which Jane led her life.
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Reader: We pray for the doctors, nurses and other medical staff
who cared for Jane during her illness.
We ask God to continue to guide them in their work
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Reader: We remember Jane for her determination,
her love of life and her dedication to her family.
May God bless her family with the same joyous gifts given to Jane.
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Reader: We pray for those suffering ill health at this time. May they
experience the loving kindness of the Lord in and through all
who journey with them.
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Reader: We pray for those who have gone before us.
That they may have the reward of their goodness
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Reader: We pray for everyone here today,
that we are able to lead happy and healthy lives free from pain and suffering.
Lord Hear Us

ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PROCESSION of the Gifts of Bread and Wine;

Jane's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren will bring the gifts to the altar.

Hymn: As Gentle as Silence

O, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I have here on earth
All the beauty I see he has given to me
And his giving is gentle as silence

Every day, every hour, every moment
Have been blessed by the strength of his love
At the turn of each tide, he is there at my side
And his touch is as gentle as silence

There've been times when I've turned from his presence.
And I've walked other paths other ways.
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle as silence

INVITATION TO PRAYER

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

**ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

ACCLAMATIONS DURING THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**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**

Celebrant: The mystery of faith

**ALL: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Each person offers a greeting of peace to those nearby.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Communion Ministers of the Chalice: Bill and Bridget

COMMUNION HYMNS: Ave Maria - Soloist

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grade appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

5. 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'd first begun

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Final Commendation

Response to the prayer

ALL: **Receive his soul and present him to God the most High.**

ALL: **Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen**

Pall Bearers: Benjamin, Caleb, Josephine, Jacob, Simon, Rebekkah

RECESSION Hymn: I am the bread of Life

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me
Unless the father beckons

Antiphon **And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up
And I will raise you up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And if you eat of this bread
You shall live forever
You shall live forever Antiphon

3. Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you. Antiphon.

4. I am the resurrection, I am the life
If you believe in me
Even though you die
You shall live forever. Antiphon

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**John, Rachael, Benjamin and Mary, along with their families,
lovingly acknowledge so many friends who came today to remember Jane.**

**The Committal will be conducted at Centennial Park Cemetery.
Following the Committal, you are invited to join the family at
the Seacliff Hotel to share memories of Jane.**

