



In Loving Memory of

Philomena Knowles
'Mena'

8th April 1925 - 7th October 2021

Requiem Mass at The Blessed Sacrament Roman
Catholic Church in Ribbleton
Wednesday 20th October 2021
at 1.30 pm



Order of Service

Opening Hymn **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
(Refrain)

And when I think that 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:
(Refrain.)

Welcome and Introduction

First Reading

from the Book of Wisdom

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 appear to die, their going 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 with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

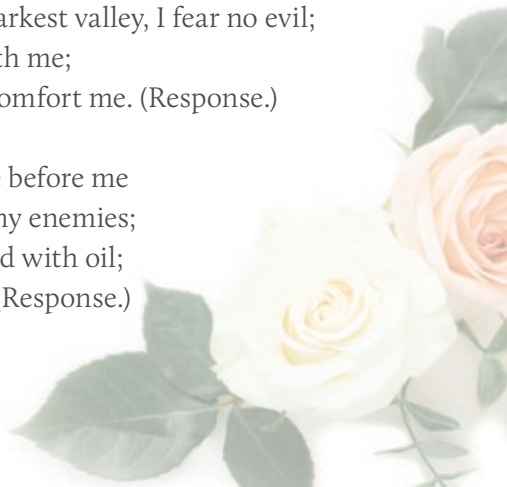
Psalm 23

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Response.)

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. (Response.)

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff - they comfort me. (Response.)

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. (Response.)





Reading

from the holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

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 the place for you, and after I have gone and prepare 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. 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.

Sermon

Bidding Prayers

Priest: In confidence we approach the throne of God's grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Reader: We remember and pray for those who do not have access to basic health care, adequate food or shelter. We give thanks for our blessings and pray that the ways of justice and peace may prevail throughout the world. Lord hear us.

Reader: We pray for Mena. May God receive her kindly, with generosity and forgiveness, and the rewards of her faith. May he continue to inspire us, to intercede for us, and be there at the end to welcome us, in our turn, into eternal life. Lord hear us.

Reader: We give thanks for the love which Mena showed during his life. May she know the perfection and fulfilment of that love in heaven. Lord hear us.

Reader: For all who mourn today. That they will receive strength to assist them in their sadness and grief. Lord hear us.

Reader: We remember all who have died. Today may they enjoy the promise of eternal happiness. Lord hear us.

Priest: Father, all those who love others, after the example of Christ your Son, are truly blessed by you in this life, but what they receive here is only a shadow compared with the good things you have prepared for them in the next life. We make all our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

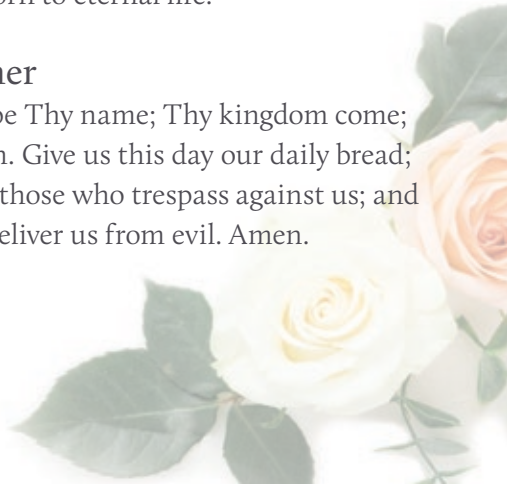
Refrain:

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Our Father

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. Amen.





Communion Hymn

Let There Be Love

Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love in our eyes;
May now Your love sweep this nation,
Cause us, oh Lord, to arise:
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be love shared among us,
Let there be love.

Let there be hope shared among us,
Let there be hope in our eyes;
May now Your hope sweep this nation,
Cause us, oh Lord, to arise:
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be hope shared among us,
Let there be hope.

Let there be joy shared among us,
Let there be joy in our eyes;
May now Your joy sweep this nation,
Cause us, oh Lord, to arise:
Give us a fresh understanding
Of brotherly love that is real,
Let there be joy shared among us,
Let there be joy.

Eulogy

Final Commendation and Farewell

Recessional Hymn

Ave Maria

1. Immaculate Mary!
Our hearts are on fire;
That title so wondrous
Fills all our desire!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!
2. We pray for God's glory,
May His kingdom come;
We pray for His Vicar,
Our Father in Rome.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!
3. We pray for our Mother,
The Church upon earth,
And bless, sweetest Lady,
The land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!
4. We pray for all sinners,
And souls that now stray
From Jesus and Mary
In heresy's way.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!
5. For poor, sick, afflicted,
Thy mercy we crave;
And comfort the dying,
Thou light of the grave!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!
6. There is no need, Mary,
Nor ever hath been,
Which thou canst not succor
Immaculate Queen.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!



Committal at Preston Crematorium, family only

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their kindness, sympathy, cards of condolence, flowers and donations.

Charitable donations in memory of Mena are gratefully received in favour of

Dementia UK

or

Parkinson's UK.





*Don't think of Mum as gone away,
Her journey's just begun;
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one.
Just think of Mum as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days or years.
Think how Mum must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.
And think of her as living
In the heart of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so much.*