

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

Fr Michael: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: Fr Michael

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Fr Michael:

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand side 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: In baptism Les received the light of Christ.

Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: Our brother Les was nourished at the table of the Saviour.

Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord, in your mercy

R. Hear our prayer.



Reader: The family and friends of Les seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord in your mercy

R. Hear our payer.

Rader: We pray for the staff, doctors and all who in their kindness helped and assisted with the care of Les.

Lord in your mercy

R Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who suffer from Alzheimer's, that they and their families may always know the love of God.

Lord in your mercy

R. Hear our payer.

Reader: We assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother Les. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is know to you alone.

Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord in your mercy

R. Hear our prayer.

Fr Michael:

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.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: MUSIC

COMMUNION HYMN: As Gentle as Silence

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love 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.

FINAL COMMENTATION:

Fr Michael: In baptism Les shared in the death and resurrection of Christ. May he be welcomed into the glory of eternal life. As a sign of respect for our brother we let this incense rise to God, who has called Les to share in this glory.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

PRIEST: You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our final home. We commend to you Les, our child. In baptism he began his journey toward you. Take him now to yourself and give him the life promised to those born again of water and the Spirit.

Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and our community. Confirm us in faith, in hope, and in love, so that we may bear your peace to one another and one day stand together with all the saints who praise you for your saving help.



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.

Refrain: *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. (R)

SECOND READING: A reading from the book of Revelations. 14:13

Rae Youngberry

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, "Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia

ENTRANCE 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 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**

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? (R)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER - Fr Michael

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: Jenny Bell & Jessica Bell

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah Ref: 25:6a, 7-9
Marie Pinchin

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.



We ask this in the name of your Son, whom you raised from among the dead, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response: Amen

Fr Michael: May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem.
Where Lazarus is poor no longer
may you my brother find eternal rest.

Fr Michael: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest

RECESSIONAL : How Great thou Art

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

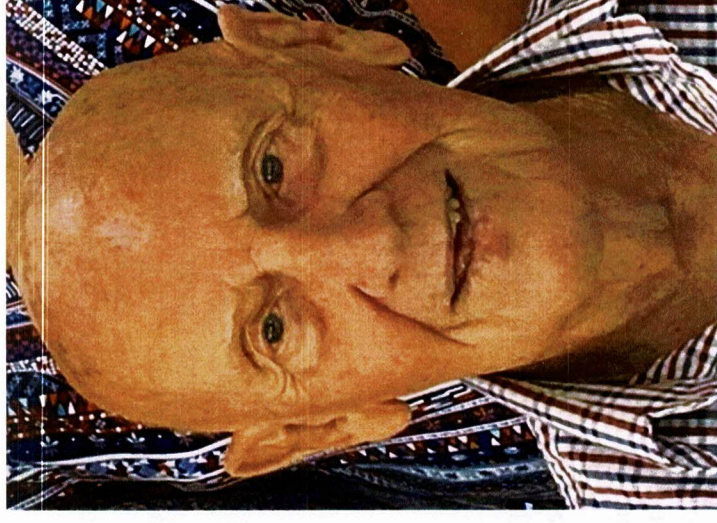


*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art*

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

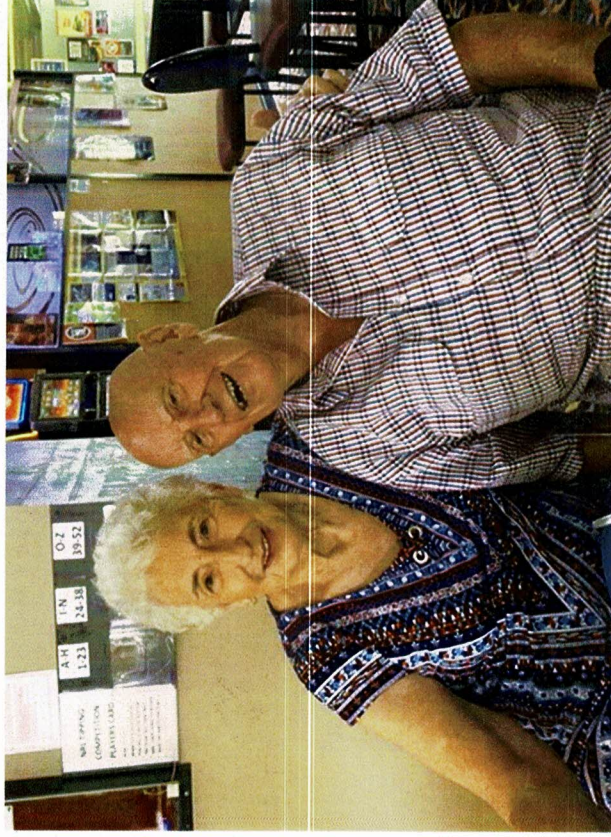
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art. (R)

Requiem Mass
For the Repose of the Soul
of
Leslie Edward Nipperess



23 January 1937 - 10 October 2023

St Carthage's Cathedral
Tuesday 17 October 2023, 11.30am
Celebrant: Fr Michael Nugent



Les's family would like to thank you all
for joining them today.
Your prayers and support have given them great comfort
in this period of sadness.

They invite you to continue this celebration of Les's life
by joining them at

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