



*Celebration of the Life of
Shirley Frances Hopewell*

5th June 1928 - 14th June 2023



Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.

Love leaves a memory no one can steal.



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Surat

27th June 2023

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? (**Refrain**)

Dan Schutte

INTRODUCTORY RITES

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP

Do not stand at my grave and weep
 I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
 I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awake in the morning hush
 I am the swift, uplifting rush
 Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
 I am not there. I did not die!

Mary Frye (1932)





With Thanks

Shirley's family thank you most sincerely for your kind thoughts
and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

At the conclusion of the Mass, The Rite of Christian Burial will
be at Surat Cemetery, where Shirley will be laid to rest.

Please join the family for light refreshments at Surat Bowls Club,
Marcus Street Surat

Greeting

Sprinkling of Holy Water

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Anthony Tham

From the Old Testament.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

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 God 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.

This is the Word of the Lord!





RESPONSORIAL PSALM (sung)

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 by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

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.

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.

Words and music by Brian Boniwell

Recessional Hymn

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

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)**

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 then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. **(Refrain)**

Words and music by Carl G. Boerg and R. J. Hughes





THE FINAL COMMENDATION

Eulogy **Geraldine Castleton**

Visual Reflection of Shirley's Life

"The Way We Were" Barbra Streisand

Song of Farewell

Saints of God, come to Shirley's aid!
Come to meet her, angels of the Lord!

Response: Receive Shirley's soul and present her to
God the Most High.

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

Response: Receive Shirley's soul and present her to
God the Most High.

Give Shirley eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine upon her forever.

Response: Receive Shirley's soul and present her to
God the Most High



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are those who have died in the Lord:
Let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

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 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."

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."



The Gospel of the Lord

HOMILY

Prayers of the Faithful Paul Kenny and Julie Milne

Lord, we thank you so much for giving Shirley to us. She influenced us in so many ways and will always be a part of us. Her death has left an empty space in our hearts. May she now rest in peace. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

There are some who give with joy and that joy alone is their reward. Shirley was truly one of those special people. We praise and thank you for all she has been and still is to us. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for Shirley's family and friends in their time of grief, that they may find comfort in their memories. Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for all those who cared for Shirley, especially the staff at Surat Hospital, Blue Care staff and her close friends. We thank them for their love and compassion. Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our family and friends who have died. We pray that they find peace and strength in being reunited with each other and Christ.
Lord hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 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.

