

In Loving Memory of

Cecily Gay Watson

6th November 1945 – 12th May 2026

ENTRANCE SONG

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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1. Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow before thee! All on Earth thy sceptre claim, All in Heav'n above adore thee; Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising! Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord; Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
3. Lo! the apostolic train Join thy sacred name to hallow! Prophets swell the loud refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow, And from morn to set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.

GREETING

Fr Krupa: We come together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water (Fr Krupa Sprinkles the coffin with Holy Water)

Fr Krupa: In the waters of baptism, Cecily died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.

All: May she now share eternal life with Christ in glory.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle (Michael lights the candle)

Fr Krupa: In Baptism, Cecily received the light of Christ. This light is the promise of eternal life.

All: May Christ now welcome her into the Kingdom of Light and Peace.

Placing Of Pall (Placed on by Michael & Raymond)

Fr Krupa: In Baptism, Cecily was clothed in the white garment which is the outward sign of our Christian dignity as sons and daughters of God.

All Say: May she stand before the Lamb of God dressed in the white robe of salvation.

Placing of Symbols (by Family Members)

Fr Krupa: Lord God, source and destiny of our lives, we thank you for the gift of Cecily Gay Watson's life and the many kindnesses that she showed us. Now you have called her to yourself. As we grieve the loss of one we have loved, we seek to understand your purpose. Draw her to yourself and give her full stature in Christ. Welcome her into paradise where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All: Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Read by Michael)

Proverbs 31/10-12, 20-21, 26, 28-30

A perfect wife, who can find her? Her worth is beyond measure.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her. From her, he derives great joy. Blessings and
not burdens she brings him, all the days of his life.

She holds out her hand to the poor. She opens her arms to those in need.

Cold may come, she has no fears for her family. They will all be warmly clothed.

When she opens her mouth to speak, she does so with gentle wisdom.

Her children stand up and proclaim her blessed. Her husband too sings her praises "many
women have done admirable things, but you surpass them all".

Charm is deceptive and beauty disappears. But the woman who honours the Lord - she
will be praised! The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (SONG)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

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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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please stand to welcome the Gospel.)

All: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Anyone who listens to my words and believes in the One who sent me, has eternal life.

Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Fr Krupa: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Krupa: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Eulogy

Read by Michael

HOMILY

Fr Krupa

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fr Krupa: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his church. With confidence in the Salvation, He brings; we now confidently offer our prayers Cecily.

Lord, today we celebrate the gift of Cecily's life. We thank you for having given her to us, and for the love and care she shared. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayers

We pray for each of us gathered here today. As we remember Christ's victory over death, help us to live with the firm belief that at the hour of our death, you, God, will take away all fear and fill our hearts with hope. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayers

We pray for all those who have supported Cecily through her illness, particularly her friends and the staff at Mater Private Hospital. May they be blessed as they continue to minister unselfishly to all in their care. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayers

God our Father, we commend to you all the members of Cecily's family. Comfort them in their sadness and unite them strongly in your love. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayers

We pray the repose of the soul of Cecily and other deceased members of the family Stephen John Watson & Andrew Barry Watson. We pray to the Lord.

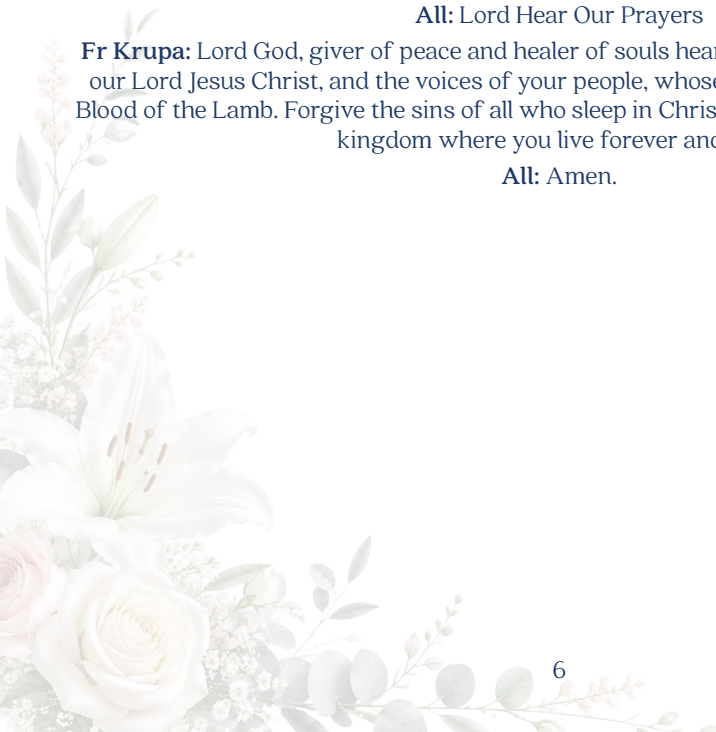
All: Lord Hear Our Prayers

We pray for all those who touched Cecily's life and whom she herself touched. May we all, one day, meet again in you. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord Hear Our Prayers

Fr Krupa: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls hear the prayers of our Redeemer our Lord 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 where you live forever and ever.

All: Amen.



OFFERTORY SONG

How Great Thou Art

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O Lord my God When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r 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 thru 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.

CALL TO PRAYER

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

All Say: 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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr Krupa: Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the eternal peace of Cecily. May Christ be merciful in judging Cecily for she has believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Say: Amen.

PREFACE

Fr Krupa: The Lord be with you.

All Say: And with your spirit.

Fr Krupa: Lift up your hearts.

All Say: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Krupa: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All Say: It is right and just.

Fr Krupa: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

All say: 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Krupa: Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time, he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you."

Fr Krupa: In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins". "Do this in memory of me".

Fr Krupa: The mystery of faith!

All Sing: When we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Fr Krupa: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Leo XIVth our Pope, Shane our Archbishop and all the clergy. Remember your servant, Cecily Gay Watson whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that she who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection. Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them

into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Joseph her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fr Krupa: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All Sing: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fr Krupa: Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.

All Say: 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.

Fr Krupa: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Say: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Fr Krupa: Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you". Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church and graciously grant us peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Say: Amen.

Fr Krupa: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All Say: And with your spirit.

Fr Krupa: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All are now invited to share with one another a sign of comfort and peace.)

LAMB OF GOD

All Sing: Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God.

(Repeat) Lamb of God, Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Fr Krupa: This is Jesus Christ, in whom our hope of resurrection dawned. Happy are we who are called to this supper.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Not Afraid

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You shall cross the barren desert But you shall not die of thirst You shall wander far in safety Though you do not know the way You shall speak your words in foreign lands And all will understand You shall see the face of God and live Be not afraid, I go before you always Come follow Me, And I will give you rest If you pass through raging waters in the sea You shall not drown If you walk amid the burning flames You shall not be harmed If you stand before the power of hell And death is at your side Know that I am with you through it all

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr Krupa: Father, all-powerful God, we pray for our sister Cecily whom you have called from this world. May this Eucharist cleanse her, forgive her sins, and raise her up to eternal joy in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All Say: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr Krupa: So we reverently bring Cecily's body in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God who gives life to all things, that God will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and company of the saints. May God give Cecily a merciful judgment and forgive all her sins. May Christ the Good Shepherd lead her safely home to be at peace with God the Father. May she be happy for ever with all the other saints in the presence of the eternal King.

(The coffin is now incensed as a sign of respect)

SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Krupa: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Fr Krupa: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High. (We now pause for a moment of silent remembrance)

Fr. Krupa: Into Your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Cecily, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Christ on the last day. We thank You for all the blessings which You bestowed on Cecily in this life: they are signs to us of Your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to Your servant, and help us who remain to comfort one another until we all meet in Christ and are with You and our sister Cecily forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE MOURNERS

Fr Krupa: Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful; You are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear Your people who cry out to You in our need and strengthen our hope in Your lasting goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Fr Krupa: May she rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe away every tear from our eyes: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Krupa: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

RECESSIONAL SONG

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

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Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with you,

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death, Amen.

*Chorus: Gentle woman, quiet light, Morning star, so strong and bright,
Gentle mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*

You were chosen by the Father, You were chosen for the Son,
You were chosen from all women, And for woman, shining one. (Chorus)

Blessed are you among women, Blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts. (Chorus)

PALL BEARERS

Family accompany Cecily from the church.



With Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you for being here today to celebrate Cecily's life. We sincerely appreciate the kindness, love and support shown to our family during this difficult time. Your presence brings us comfort and means more than words can express.



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