



Our Sweet Angel

MRS. FLORENCE
IDOWU IYAWA

(nee **ONYEKPE**)

1950 - 2024

Friday, 21st June 2024 @ 10 am

St. Antony's Catholic Church,
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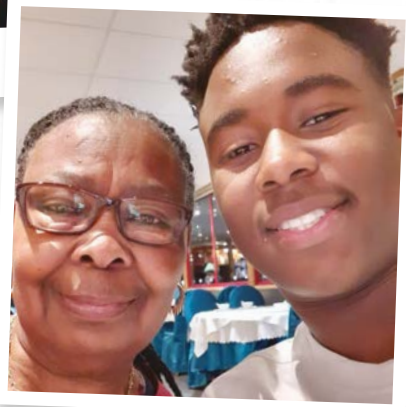
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Entrance Hymn

Here we are all together
Here we are all together as we sing a song our song joyfully;
Here we are joined together, as we pray we'll always be.

Join we now as friends
And celebrate the unity we share, all as one
Keep the fire burning, kindle it with care
And we'll all join in & sing chorus

Let us make this world an alleluia,
Let us make this world a better place
Keep a smile handy, lend a helping hand
And we'll all join in & sing chorus

Glorify our God with all our voices
Show him we are sincere by all our deeds
Shout the joys of freedom everywhere
Let us all join in and sing.

Entrance Antiphon

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Kyrie (Missa pro Defunctis)

Opening Prayer

Lord God, You are the glory of believers and life of the just. Your son redeemed us by dying and rising to new life again. Your servant Mrs. Florence Idowu Iyawa was faithful and believed in our own resurrection. Give her the joys and blessings of life to come, as we celebrate her eternal return to you.

Through our lord Jesus Christ your son,
Who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever **All: Amen.**

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom: 4:7-15

Untarnished life, this is ripe old age

The virtuous person, though he die before his time, will find rest. Length of days is not what makes age honourable, nor number of years the measure of life. Understanding, this is man's grey hairs, Untarnished life, this is ripe old age. He has sought to please God, so God has loved him, as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up. He has been carried off so that evil may not wrap his understanding or treachery seduces his soul; for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade, and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart. Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life; his soul being pleasing to the Lord, he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him. Yet people look on, uncomprehending; it does not enter their heads, that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, his holy ones.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps: 23

R/: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads, to revive my drooping spirit.

R/: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort.

R/: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life,
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

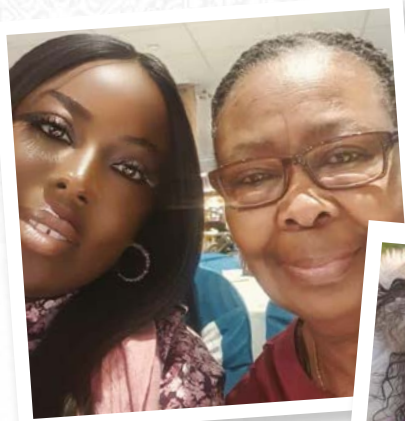
R/: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

(All Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

(PLEASE STAND TO SING)

Alleluia.....!!! Alleluia.....!!!
Our homeland is in heaven,
And from heaven comes the
saviour we are waiting for,
The Lord Jesus Christ
Alleluia.....!!! Alleluia.....!!!



Gospel Reading

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14: 1-6

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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 it 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,

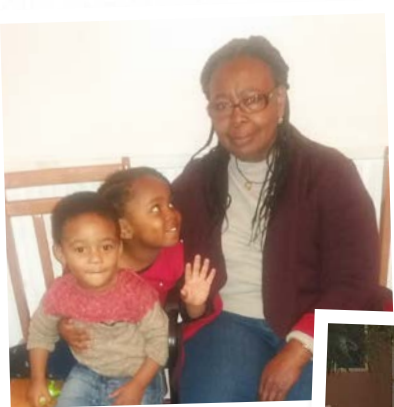
No one can come to the Father except through me."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ

(All sit)

Homily



Bidding Prayers

Priest: It is from God that we come when we enter this world, and it is to him we go when we leave it. Comforted by this faith, let us pray to him with confidence.

Reader: God gave Mrs Florence Idowu Iyawa the gift of life here on earth; may God in his mercy blot out the sins she committed. (Pause)
Lord in your mercy

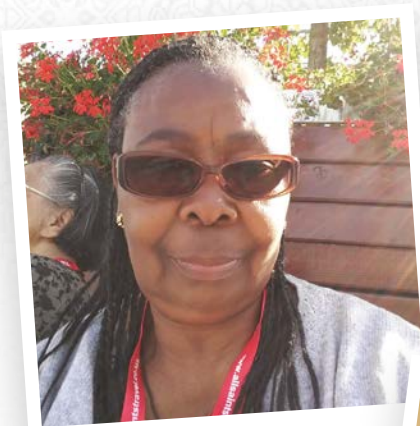
All: Hear our prayer.

That our faith may enable us to see Christ as our companion on this road of life, a road that leads to the glory of God's kingdom. (pause)
Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

For all who are crushed by failure and disappointment. (Pause)
Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.



That God may grant eternal life to all those whom we loved in this life, especially Mom whom has transitioned from this earth, now united with the saints in heaven. (Pause)

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Let us commend Mr. Iyawa and all those affected by the death of Mom into the loving embrace of God for deeper consolation. (Pause)

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

We now join all our prayers to that of Mary our Mother... **Hail Mary...**

In the silence of our hearts, let us make our private intentions known to God. (Pause)

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God, your love for us surpasses all that we ask or deserve. Save your servant, Mrs Florence Idowu Iyawa, from the power of death. Open for her the treasures of your mercy and the gates of heaven. Continue to comfort us as we grieve for her. We ask this through Christ our Lord... Amen.

(All Sit)



Offertory Hymn

In bread we bring you, Lord// Our bodies labour//
In wine we offer you// Our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you Lord// Who is my neighbour?
But stand united now // One in belief.
Oh we have gladly heard// Your word// Your holy word//
And now in answer Lord// Our gifts we bring//
Our selfish hearts make true//
Our failing faith renew// Our lives belong to you// Our Lord and king.

The bread we offer you// Is blessed and broken//
And it becomes for us// Our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring your word is spoken//
Make it your gift to us// Your healing blood.
Take all the daily toil// Plant in our heart poor soil//
Take all we start to spoil// each// each hopeful dream//
The chances we have missed// The graces we resist//
Lord in the Eucharist// Take and redeem.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Look with favour we pray O Lord in the offerings we make for the soul of your servant Florence Idowu Iyawa, that being cleansed by heavenly remedies, her soul may be ever alive and blessed in your glory.
Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**



Communion Antiphon

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis, quia pius es.

Communion Hymn

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 draws him.

And I will raise him up (3x) on the last day

The bread that I will give// is my flesh for the life of the world// and he who eats of this bread// he shall live for ever// he shall live for ever

And I will raise him up (3x) on the last day

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.

And I will raise him up (3x) on the last day

Prayer After Communion

Restored by the sacred mysteries, we beseech you O Lord, that your servant Mrs Florence Idowu Iyawa may be cleansed from all offences and merit for all eternity the precious gift of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**



Eulogy

Commendation

In paradisum deducant angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.

Prayer Over The People

May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **All: Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And with your spirit.

May the Almighty God bless you + the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit... **Amen**



Closing Hymn

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky
Casting its shadows near
And on this morning bright though it be
I feel the shadows near me

But you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all my ways, Lord

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel your brightness near me...
For you are always...

I watch the sunrise fading away
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes
I feel your presence near me...
For you are always.....

I watch the moonlight guarding the night
Waiting till morning comes
The air is silent, earth is at rest
Only your peace is near me
Yes you are always.....



Appreciation

We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. Your kindness and sympathy have brought nothing but comfort. Your prayers and support are a testament to the beautiful life she lived.

- The Iyawa Family