

Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of

Dolores Tantoco Carreon



9 October 1928 — 25 September 2023

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*“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no one can steal”*
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Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst

9 October 2023

The Dash

by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth
and spoke the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own --
the cars... the house... the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more,
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile,
remembering this special dash
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent YOUR dash?



Celebrants

Fr John Crothers

Fr Brian Steele MGL Fr Paul Hilder Fr Manuel Santiago Fr Thu Nguyen

MUSICIANS: Ravilya Sedlar & Ethan Taylor

Entrance Hymn

Here I Am Lord (Dan Schutte)

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.**

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **R.**

Greeting & Welcome

Fr: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

Words of Remembrance

Geoffrey Carreon & Patrick Carreon

Opening Prayer

Fr : O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Dolores, whom you have called from this world. As she put her hope and trust in you, we ask that she be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Clarissa Finan

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

(31:10-31)

Who can find a woman of worth?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from afar.
She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household and tasks for her maidens.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds her loins with strength and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates,
when he sits among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers girdles to the merchant.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd (Brian Boniwell)

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.

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

Cecilia Carreon / Lynne Taylor

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (4:1-8, 17-18)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)

All: 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

Fr: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Fr: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (15:9-12)

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Fr: Jesus said to his disciples, 'As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Faithful

(Please stand)

Benjamin, Martijn, Noah, Francis, Joshua, Melody, Patrick

Fr: We are gathered in faith, hope and love, drawn together by Dolores' life. Let us pray to our loving God in praise and petition.

1. Lord you are the God of the living and the dead. We ask you to take into your loving care our Lola. Give her the rewards of her work and her life. Welcome her into paradise so that she might be with you and your Father and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

2. Lord, we give you thanks for the gift of Lola's precious years of life. May she now rest in eternal peace with you, free from all pain and suffering.

Lord hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

3. Lord, we thank you for what you have given us in Lola. We thank you for what she has been to us. We ask now for a quiet heart knowing that neither life nor death can separate her from your love.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

4. Lord, be with Lolo, with Titas Rissa, Celle, and Lynne, with my Dad, and with Ninong, and all us cousins. May our knowledge of Lola's love and large-heartedness sustain us in our deep loss. May our loving memories of a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother be both a comfort and a model to us, now and in the time ahead.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

5. For everyone gathered here today who have come to bid farewell to Lola: that the promises made by the Lord in his passion and resurrection will bolster our faith so that we might truly proclaim our belief in the resurrection of all the faithful departed.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. Lord, Lola's faith in you was unending. Unite her now, in endless joy with her dearly loved mother, Brigida, and father, Joaquin, and her sisters and brothers who have gone before us, in the joys of heaven.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

7. For the doctors and carers who have given so much support and care to Lola and our family over the last 17 months, we ask your blessing. May we all be sustained by your love for us in all the unexpected events in our lives.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and bring Dolores to the fullness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Please be seated)

Offertory Procession

Louie & Joey Anca

Offertory Hymn

Gentle As Silence (Estelle White)

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.

Invitation to Prayer

(Please stand)

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

All: **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.**

Offertory Prayer

Fr: Lord, accept these gifts we offer for Dolores our sister. May they
bring her to the happiness of eternal life in your presence. We ask
this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Fr: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Sanctus

All: 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.

(Please kneel or be seated)

Memorial Acclamation

Fr: The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

Until you come again.

(Please stand)

Rite of Communion

Fr: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All: 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: Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Sign of Peace

Fr: Lord, Jesus Christ, you 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 her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Fr: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Agnus Dei

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

(Please kneel or be seated)

Communion

Fr: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **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

Amazing Grace (Chris Tomlin)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Refrain: *My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

R.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine.

Memories of Dolores' Life

... with a tribute from those who call her 'Lola'

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Fr: Lord God, May the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, bring our sister Dolores the peace of your eternal home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Final Commendation & Farewell

Invitation to Prayer

Fr: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Dolores and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see her again and enjoy her friendship. Although we disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Song of Farewell

Fr: 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: 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: 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.

Prayer of Commendation

Fr: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Dolores, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise and live with him forever.

We give thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Dolores 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, Dolores, and help us, who remain, to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister Dolores for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Recessional

How Great Thou Art (Stuart Hine)

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

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*

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.

Then Christ shall come with shouts 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.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

by David Romano

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise
and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today;
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts
without me
Please try to understand,
That an angel came
and called my name
And took me by the hand.

She said my place was ready
In heaven far above;
And that I'd have to leave behind,
All those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye;
For all my life, I'd always thought
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for,
So much yet to do;
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad;
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.

If I could re-live yesterday
Just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized
That this could never be;
For emptiness and memories
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought
of worldly things
I might miss come tomorrow;
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked
through heaven's gates
I felt so much at home;
When God looked down
and smiled at me
From His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity
And all I've promised you;
Today your life on earth is past,
But here it all starts anew."

"I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last;
And since each day's the same day,
There's no longing for the past."

"But you have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true;
Though at times you did do things,
You knew you shouldn't do."

"But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free;
So won't you take my hand
And share my life with me?"

So, when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.



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Dear Lord,
I pray that you receive my one and only Dolores
as she goes to join you in Heaven —
a loving wife, a caring mother, and a wise and beautiful woman.
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Beloved wife of Gabriel
Beloved mother of Clarissa & Mark, Celle, Lynne & Greg, Butch & Beth, and Jojo
Beloved lola of Francis & Claire, Benjamin & Jess, Patrick, Joshua & Jordon, Melody, Caitlin & Wytze,
Ethan, Martijn, David, and Noah; lola-lola of Harvey, Riley, Ryan and Cameron

*Our family is sincerely grateful
for your love, prayers and support at this time.*

*Please join us at Grandviers Bowling Club
for refreshments and to share memories of Dolores.*