



Eleanor Mary Battley
3rd April 1938– 3rd February 2022

Funeral Service
11am Tuesday 8th February 2022

The family of Eleanor welcome you to this special event and thank you for the effort you have made to honour Eleanor and to support us. You are all valued friends and we appreciate your presence with us. Many others from further afield cannot join us but are watching on-line. And we remember especially Mark's elder son Matthew who is studying in the UK.

Eleanor's journey to this point has been gradual and difficult but her life ended gently as her strength failed. We both rejoice and grieve at the same time. We sense that a beautiful life has lived its full course and has blessed us all, especially those of her family.

We are: Don as father and her privileged husband; son Mark and Belinda and their sons Matthew (in the UK) and Andrew; Chris and Margaret (Mason-Battley) and their children Ruth, John and Rachael; third son Phil and Sue and Elsie and Sylvia (from Palmerston North). Six of us are honoured to be Eleanor's pall-bearers.

We conduct Eleanor's funeral in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead. As a lifelong and faithful Christian, Eleanor's future is secure.

We hope that this surety becomes yours as well.

Don, Mark, Chris and Phil.



Music

The songs being played were composed by Eleanor in 1975-78
and recorded by the St Peter's Church Music Group.

Welcome

Mark Battley

Sentences

Jesus said, "Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day." *John 6:40*

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12b

The perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ... then the saying ... will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." *1 Corinthians 15:53-54*

Therefore, although we have been parted from Eleanor none of us need ever be separated from the love of God.

Prayer

God our comforter, you are a refuge and a strength to us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Help us, so to hear the words of our faith that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased and our hope reawakened.

**May your Holy Spirit lift us above our natural sorrow,
to the peace and light of your constant love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood may I enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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First Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-10, 12-13

Phil Battley

Remembrances

*Heather Hardiman, Chris Mason-Battley, Christine King,
The Rev. Lorraine Lloyd, The Rev. Don Battley*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: selected verses

The Rev. Don Battley

Homily

The Rev. Ian Hardcastle

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

With faith and hope we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Song

Here is love vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood.
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
throughout heaven's eternal days.
On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

P.D: William Rees

Prayers of Intercession

Nunc Dimittis

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

The Commendation & Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Ross Bay

Recessional Hymn

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 power throughout the universe displayed.

Whakaaria mai	<i>Show your cross to me.</i>
Tōu rīpeka ki au.	
Tīaho mai	<i>Shine through the darkness</i>
Rā roto i te pō	
Hei konā au	<i>There I will look.</i>
Titiro atu ai.	
Ora, mate	<i>In life, in death</i>
Hei au koe noho ai.	<i>let me rest in thee.</i>

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.

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