

## You'll Never Walk Alone – 22 November 2018

**Song**                    **Quietly Peacefully (Dvorak/True)**  
**All sing:**           Quietly, peacefully may they rest in you  
                         Quietly, peacefully bring them home to you.

### Opening Prayer

We come together this evening to remember:

To remember with love and affection  
those who have died whom we hold close to our hearts

To remember with gratitude  
those who made a difference in our lives and with whom we shared so  
much

To remember with sadness  
those who died tragically and suddenly for whatever reason

And in our remembrance we give thanks to God for memory itself through  
which we can cherish special moments and celebrate times past.

We also recall the sorrow of parting, of words left unsaid and of wounds  
not healed.

We entrust all of these memories in a spirit of hope to the gentle heart of  
love, Jesus Christ, our saviour and our friend. Amen.

**Song**                    **Jesus Remember Me (Taizé)**  
**All sing:**           Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom  
                         Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom

### Reading (excerpts from the Book of Wisdom)

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God... for grace and mercy await those  
God has chosen ... The virtuous though they die before their time, will find rest  
...coming to perfection in so short a while, they achieved long life.

## Reflection                      Thinking of Donal Walsh

Donal Walsh was 16 years of age when he died in April 2013 after a long battle with cancer. He was a young man of faith and these are some of his words written shortly before he died, words that will last forever in the hearts of those who hear them. 'I've grown fully in both mind and body by climbing God's mountains. He's had me fight cancer three times, face countless deaths and losses in my life, he's had my childhood dreams taken off me but at the end of the day he has made me a man. ..I've climbed God's mountains, faced many struggles for my life and dealt with so much loss. And as much as I would love to go around to every fool on this planet and open their eyes to the mountains that surround them in life, I can't. But maybe if I shout from mine they'll pay attention.'

## Song                                  Lacrimosa (W.A. Mozart)

*Full of tears will be that day, when from the ashes shall arise, the guilty ones to be judged; Spare them, O God, Merciful Lord Jesus, Grant them eternal rest. Amen.*

## Reflection (James Finley)

Those who come to acceptance in death have about them a certain transparent childlike quality, an uncanny peace. It's a peace not of this world. For in accepting their seemingly unacceptable situation, they are transformed in ways that leave us feeling strangely touched and privileged to be in their presence. Being in their presence can open up in us a deep sense of how **invincibly precious** we are in the midst of our fragility.

## Prayer                                Let Us Stand and Pray

**All say:** God of mindfulness and compassion  
Help us to cherish the memories of those who have died  
To follow the good example they showed  
To recall the happy times we shared  
To forgive the hurts of the past.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Song                                  Dona Eis Pacem (Eoin Lynch)

**All sing:** Dona eis pacem, Dona eis pacem, Dona eis pacem,  
Dona eis pacem, pacem Domini

## Reading (excerpts from the Book of the Apocalypse)

Happy are those who die in the Lord!...now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them. God will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness...Now I am making the whole of creation new ... I will give water from the well of life **free** to anybody who is thirsty.

**Song**                      **O Rest In The Lord (F. Mendelssohn)**

**Reflection**                **Rejoice and be Glad (Pope Francis) Art.76**

***“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”***

A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life’s depths and finding authentic happiness.[70] He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. In this way they can embrace Saint Paul’s exhortation: “Weep with those who weep” (Rom 12:15).

**Song**                      **Servant Song (Richard Gillard)**

**All sing:**                Will you let me be your servant?  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.  
We are trav’lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
‘Til we’ve seen this journey through.

**Reflection**    **Pope Francis**

The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this ‘art of accompaniment’ which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5). (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 169)

**Song**                      **Footprints In The Sand**

*I’ll carry you when you need a friend, you’ll find my footprints in the sand*

## Prayer

### Let us stand and pray,

God of healing and everlasting love,  
Fill our hearts with a spirit of hope  
that you who raised Jesus from the dead  
will hold all those who have died in your eternal care and raise  
them to new life in your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Reading (excerpts from the Gospel of Matthew)

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest...  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted... Come, you whom my Father has  
blessed

## Song

### Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled (David Haas)

All sing:

Do not let your hearts be troubled  
Have faith in God and faith in me  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you  
And I'll come back to take you with me  
That where I am you may also be

## Prayer

We commend all who have died to God whose mercy and love  
knows no bounds. They carry with them for all eternity the good  
that they have done.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Song

### Supermarket Flowers (Ed Sheeran)

*'When God takes you back he'll say Hallelujah you're home*

## Poem

### In Memoriam (Seamus Heaney)

When all the others were away at Mass  
I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.  
They broke the silence, let fall one by one  
Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:  
Cold comforts set between us, things to share  
Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.  
And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes  
From each other's work would bring us to our senses.

So while the parish priest at her bedside  
Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying  
And some were responding and some crying  
I remembered her head bent towards my head,  
Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives–  
Never closer the whole rest of our lives.

**Song**                    **Ave Maria (Franz Schubert)**

**Song**                    **Bogoroditsye (Rachmaninoff)**

*Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.  
Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb,  
for Thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.*

**Instrumental**        **Marbhna Luimnigh**

**Reflection**           **WW1**

In this centenary year marking the end of the First World War – we take a moment to pray for all victims of war then, since and now.

**Song**                    **Kyrie – War Requiem (Benjamin Britten)**

**Song**                    **Till We Meet Again (Egan/Whiting)**

**Reflection**           **My Father (Elyce Brady)**

**Song**                    **Soon And Very Soon (Andrae Crouch)**

**Prayer**                    **Blessed John Henry Newman**

**All say:**            May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last.

I am with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9) – is our final scripture quotation – which links with the overall theme of our service and our final song. May you experience the accompaniment of God every step of your way.

**Song**                    **You'll Never Walk Alone (Rodgers and Hammerstein)**

**All sing:**            Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone  
You'll never walk alone.