

A service to celebrate the life of

Elizabeth Ananthi Williams

18 September 1962 – 22 September 2012



St Andrew's Catholic Church

Newlands

Tuesday September 25 at 11.00 am

Officiating: Fr Verghese Thuruthichira

Organist: Lynne Candiliotis

Order of Mass

Opening Hymn: Here I am

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?

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?

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Eulogy

Joseph Williams
Alex Armadass
Dolly Seow-Ganesan
Selva Ramasami
Mark Finnigan (Transpower)

First Reading

by Jessica Sebastian

Isaiah 25, 6:9

The Lord will destroy death forever

Responsorial Psalm

by Andrew Sebastian

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful
Response: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living

The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me
Response: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living

Return O my soul to your rest for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you
Response: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living

Second Reading

by Christine Armadass

Timothy 4, 6:8

I have finished the race, I have kept my faith

Gospel

John 14, 1:9

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

by Jared Don Silva

Our sister Elizabeth was given the promise of eternal
life in baptism,
Lord give her communion with your saints forever
We pray to the Lord

Elizabeth ate the bread of eternal life, body of Christ;
raise her up Lord on the last day
We pray to the Lord

We pray for Elizabeth's family and friends;
Lord comfort them and give them strength in this time of sadness
We pray to the Lord

We pray for Elizabeth who has died in the hope of rising again,
welcome her Lord into your everlasting light
We pray to the Lord

Offertory Procession

Shawna Sebastian
Darren Armadass
Ashton Don Silva

Offertory Hymn Come as you are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone.

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and dishearten'd
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less.

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamation

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 that trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen

Communion Hymn: Gentle as silence

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.

Litany of Farewell

Response: Let not your hearts be troubled

Poem

read by *Emilia Don Silva*

Tribute slideshow

Recessional Hymn: Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star
Guide of the wand'rer here below
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care
Save us from peril and from woe
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid
We sinners make our prayers through Thee
Remind Thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea
Pray for the sinner, pray for me

Sojourners in this vale of tears
To Thee blest advocates we cry
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears
And soothe with hope our misery
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea
Pray for the mourner, pray for me

Pallbearers

Joseph Williams
Jude Williams
Alex Armadass
Vijandran Asary
Joseph Sebastian
Alec Don Silva



Tributes

If you wish to make a tribute to Elizabeth please do so on her online tribute book at www.tributes.co.nz

Invitation

Joseph, Jacinta and Jude thank you for your caring presence today. Immediately after this Mass, you are invited to join Elizabeth's family for refreshments in the church hall.

Donations

In lieu of flowers a donation to St Vincent's De Paul would be appreciated and may be placed in the donation box in the foyer.



Husband

Joseph Williams

Children

Jacinta and Jude



Ngaio, Johnsonville and Takapu.



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