



Liturgy of Christian Burial

✠ Margaret Rose “Mimi” Tortorice
December 30, 1928 - August 16, 2023

Monday, August 21, 2023 11:00 a.m.
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
Beaumont, Texas



“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”

Mother Teresa

Gathering Rites

Reception at the Cathedral Door

Margaret was baptized in Christ. Her body is now received at the door of the Cathedral, sprinkled with holy water and covered with the white pall as a reminder of her baptism.

We pray that as Margaret died and rose with Christ, that she may now be clothed in the radiance of Christ's eternal glory.

Procession

Gathering Hymn

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

779 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Hail Mar - y, full of grace, the
Lord is with you. Bless-ed are you a-mong
wom-en, and blest is the fruit of your womb, Je - sus,
Ho-ly Mar - y, Moth-er of God,
pray for us sin - ners now and at the hour of
death. A - men.

§ Refrain
Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing
star, so strong and bright, gen-tle
Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us
wis - dom; teach us love.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hail Mary: Gentle Woman'. It consists of ten staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a main body of the hymn and a refrain section marked with a double bar line and a section symbol (§). The lyrics are: 'Hail Mar - y, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Bless-ed are you a-mong wom-en, and blest is the fruit of your womb, Je - sus, Ho-ly Mar - y, Moth-er of God, pray for us sin - ners now and at the hour of death. A - men.' The refrain section includes: 'Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing star, so strong and bright, gen-tle Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us wis - dom; teach us love.'

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10, 25-28, 31

Responsorial Psalm

Here I Am, Lord



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte
Tune: Dan Schutte; Arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, John Weisrock
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Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Immaculate Mary

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1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;
2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,
3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known
4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved,
5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;

You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.
God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.
The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.
Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.

A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a.

A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a.

6. Your child is the Savior, all hope lies in him:
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.

7. In glory for ever now close to your Son,
All ages will praise you for all God has done.

Preface Acclamation (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread Litany (Lamb of God)

Reception of Holy Communion

For Catholics: *As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.*

For our fellow Christians: *We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).*

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

For all not receiving Communion: *All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.*

For non-Christians: *We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.*

Communion Hymn

Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has

read-y for those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the

To verses

mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has'. The second staff continues with 'read-y for those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the'. The third staff is labeled 'To verses' and contains 'mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.' The music consists of a simple melody with a bass line.

Meditation Hymn

Ave Maria

Prayer after Communion

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell

Musical score for the first system of "Song of Farewell". The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1. Come to his/her aid, O saints of God; Come meet him/her, 2. May Christ, who called you, take you home, And an - gels 3. Give him/her e - ter - nal rest, O Lord, May light un - 4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; The last day. Chords above the staff are G, Bm, Em, D, G.

Musical score for the second system of "Song of Farewell". The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1. an - gels — of the Lord, } Re - ceive his/her soul, O 2. lead you to A - bra - ham. } 3. end - ing — shine on him/her. } 4. I shall — rise a - gain. } Chords above the staff are Em, C, G, D, Em, D, Am.

Musical score for the third system of "Song of Farewell". The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1-4. ho - ly ones; Pre - sent him/her now to God, Most High. Chords above the staff are C, D7, Em, D, G, C, G/D, D, G.

Note: When guitar and keyboard play together, keyboardists should improvise using the guitar chords above the melody.

Text: LM; *Subvenite sancti Dei; Requiem aeternam; Credo quod Redemptor*; tr. by Dennis C. Smolarski, SJ, b. 1947.

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Music: OLD HUNDRETH; Genevan Psalm, 155; keyboard acc. attr. to Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510-1561, alt.

Prayer of Commendation

Song of Commendation

Jerusalem, My Destiny

Jerusalem, My Destiny 399

Refrain

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses

1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.

D.C.

Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.





Margaret Rose Tortorice, known by her loved ones as Mimi, was born on December 30, 1928, to Charles Montalbano and Mary Judene Nelson. As the cherished only child of her parents, Margaret's life was filled with love and attention from them, her grandparents, numerous aunts, and uncles. She spent her early years in Longview before moving to Beaumont after completing 8th grade in 1942.

Mimi attended St. Anthony's High School, where she would meet her soon-to-be husband. The tides of fate aligned in 1945 when the young men who were called to war four years earlier returned home. Joseph Vincent Tortorice was one of those veterans that was placed in Mimi's class. In 1947, at the tender age of 18, Margaret and Joseph exchanged their vows, marking the beginning of a lifelong journey together. They were soon blessed with children with Joey arriving in 1948, followed by Judy in 1950, Pinky in 1953, and Suzanne in 1960. The family continued to grow as grandchildren arrived, totaling an impressive 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way.

Mimi was a faithful member of St. Jude Catholic Church. She instilled that faith in her children who all attended Catholic School. As the family grew, Mimi and Pop blessed their grandchildren with equal parts love and laughter. Summer after summer they hosted fishing expeditions, crab boils, and Easter egg hunts at their beach cabin - known as "the T-Box".

While their kids were starting their own families, Mimi and Pop began a new life of adventure. They cruised the world - touring the beaches of

Normandy and Hawaii with Pop's brothers-in-arms and meeting long-lost relatives in the Sicilian countryside. Mimi documented these trips in great detail with journals and scrapbooks. When their traveling days came to a close, they built new adventures tending to their cucuzza garden and fishing with their grandchildren at Camp Josey on Pleasure Island.

In her golden years, Mimi spent much of her time in the company of cherished loved ones. Her heartwarming stories, wisdom, and even her humor continued to shine through, reminding everyone of her enduring spirit. Her legacy lives on through the family she built, and the countless memories she leaves with us. She will forever be remembered for her beauty, wit, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. Her family would like to thank her amazing caregivers for helping make Mimi's final years so happy and pleasant - Celia, Trish, Tina, Marivic, Esper, NetNet and Mylene. Another special thanks to Bonnie Vie and their wonderful staff for helping us these last few months.

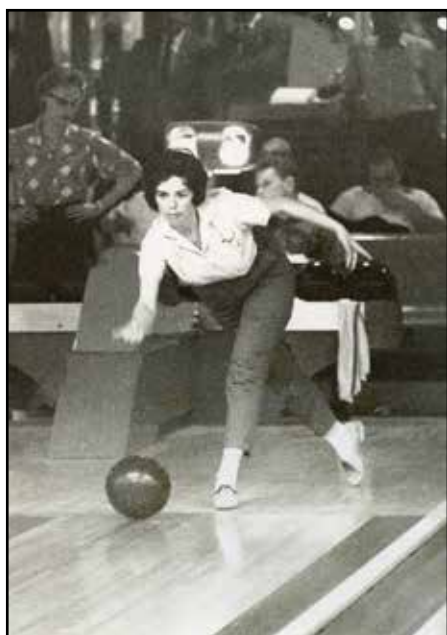
Mimi is preceded in death by her husband Joe Tortorice Sr. and her son Joe Tortorice Jr. She is survived by her daughters and their husbands Judy and Larry McFarland, Pinky and Bill Carden, and Suzanne and Dave Jones; daughter-in-law Shelley Tortorice; her grandchildren and great grandchildren Jay and Jenny Tortorice, their kids Joseph, Luke and Lainey; Rob and Bonnie Tortorice, their kids Robert, Joey and Mary Margaret; Ashley and Greg Messina, their kids Georgia, Olivia and Maceo; Amy Srader and her daughter Addie; Cody McFarland; Lindsey and Nathan Parish, their kids Landon and Brady; Polly and Garth Hixson, their kids Emma and Charles; Katy and Mark Jefferson and their daughter Rosabelle; Leesa and Jake Shrull; Tre Carden; Julie and Bob Edson and their daughter Poppy; Ross and Larae Jones, their kids Millie and Wiley; Charlie and Elyse Jones, their kids Lennon and Bear; Hunter Jones; and Taylor Jones.



















Celebrant
Placing the Pall

Reverend Jeremiah J. McGrath
Ashley Messina, Amy Srader, Lindsey Parish,
Polly Hixson, Katy Jefferson, Leesa Shrull,
Julie Edson

Gift Bearers

Lainey Tortorice, Joey Tortorice,
Mary Margaret Tortorice, Georgia Messina,
Olivia Messina, Addie Srader,
Emma Hixson, Rosabelle Jefferson,
Poppy Hebert, Millie Jones, Lennon Jones

Lectors

Amy Srader, Tre Carden

Music Ministers

Abigail Dueppen, Sujung Cho

Pallbearers

Jay Tortorice, Rob Tortorice, Cody McFarland,
Tre Carden, Ross Jones, Charlie Jones,
Hunter Jones, Taylor Jones

Honorary Pallbearers

Joseph Tortorice, Luke Tortorice,
Robert Tortorice, Maceo Messina,
Landon Parish, Brady Parish, Charles Hixson,
Wiley Jones, Bear Jones



Entombment

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

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