St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford



Requiem for the soul of

Elsie Gough

25th September 1931 to 8th September 2014

Tuesday 16th September 2014

## C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\\msotw9_temp0.jpgTHE GATHERING

Priest: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you

All: and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service*

**Introit Hymn:**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

o'er the world's tempestuous sea;

guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,

for we have no help but thee;

yet possessing every blessing,

if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:

all our weakness thou dost know;

thou didst tread this earth before us,

thou didst feel its keenest woe;

lone and dreary, faint and weary,

through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,

fill our hearts with heavenly joy,

love with every passion blending,

pleasure that can never cloy:

thus provided, pardoned, guided,

nothing can our peace destroy.

#### Prayers of Penitence

Priest: As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us ask his forgiveness, for he is gentle and full of compassion.

(After a period of silent reflection)

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Collect:**

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that Elsie and all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter** *(1 Peter 1. 3-9)*

At the end of the reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)*

1. In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;

and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.

The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,

but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;

my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack.

His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim,

he knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me which yet I have not seen;

bright skies will soon be o’er me, where the dark clouds have been.

My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free,

my Saviour has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

#### THE GOSPEL

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(Jn 14. 1-6)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

At the end of the reading

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### The Address

#### The Prayers

Priest: Let us pray

Leader: God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for Elsie, for the grace and mercy she received from you, for all that was good in her life and for the memories we treasure today. Especially we thank you for Elsie’s example of faith and love; for all that she has done to build up the life of this church, and for her dedication to, and love for, her family. We thank you for the many ways in which she has enriched our lives, and those of others, too.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, you promised eternal life to those who believe. Remember for good this your daughter Elsieas we also remember her. Hear all our prayers for those who have died and especially those who come to mind at this time. Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom where sins have been forgiven and death is no more.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on Larry, Philip, Andrew and Tony, their families and all who mourn at this time. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, you are tender towards your children and your mercy is over all your works. Heal the memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

All: God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made

and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,

we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

#### The Peace *(please stand)*

Priest: Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:**

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| 1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me  in the pastures green;  faithful Shepherd, lead me  where thy steps are seen. | 2. Hold me fast, and guide me  in the narrow way;  so, with thee beside me,  I shall never stray. |
| 3. Daily bring me nearer  to the heav’nly shore;  may my faith grow clearer,  may I love thee more. | 4. Hallow every pleasure,  ev’ry gift and pain;  be thyself my treasure  though none else I gain. |
| 5. Day by day prepare me  as thou seest best,  then let angels bear me  to thy promised rest. | |

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER E *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life, and conqueror of death. By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight. With all your saints

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Priest: Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. With all your saints

All: we give you thanks and praise.

Priest: The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with Elsie and all your faithful people, evermore praising you and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Priest: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All: Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Andrew and all the saintsto feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All: we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

## Prayer After Communion:

Priest: Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet: grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

endless is the victory thou o'er death has won;

angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,*

*endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;

life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;

make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

## The Commendation

Priest:Let us commend Elsie to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

With this water we call to mind Elsie’s baptism. As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us, so may he bring us to the fullness of resurrection life with Elsie and all the redeemed.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we entrust Elsieto your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen**

May God, in his infinite love and mercy, bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection, and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

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**First (epistle) reading for the funeral of Elsie Gough**

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

**Gospel reading for the funeral of Elsie Gough**

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

All: Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ