**Entrance Hymn**

Amazing Grace

**First Reading - Caitriona**

A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-6.9 *Lectionary III, p.851*

*They are at peace with God*

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,

no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,

their going looked like a disaster,

their leaving us, like annihilation;

but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,

their hope was rich with immortality;

slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be.

God has put them to the test

and proved them worthy to be with him;

he has tested them like gold in a furnace,

and accepted them as a holocaust.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,

those who are faithful will live with him in love;

for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm – (Sung)**

Be not afraid

**Second Reading - Colm**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone.

I have fought the good fight to the end;

I have run the race to the finish;

I have kept the faith;

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day;

And not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven Lectionary III, p.871*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of the right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Fionnuala**

God, the almighty Father, raised Jesus his Son from the dead;

With confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

For Nanny Phyllis, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord in your mercy:

**All say: Hear our prayer**

**David**

For the family and friends of Phyllis, that they may be consoled in their grief. May they find consolation in celebrating the great life she lived.

Lord in your mercy:

**All say: Hear our prayer**

**Helena**

For the many people who cared for Phyllis in her final years:

Prof. Daly and his team at the Mater hospital

Paula and all staff at Odin Wood day centre

and especially the many home help carers.

We pray that they will be blessed in return for their tender care.

Lord in your mercy:

**All say: Hear our prayer**

**Lara**

We pray to God for peace in our world.

We pray to God to heal those who are struggling with illness.

We pray to God for the homeless, and those less fortunate than ourselves.

God, Show your mercy in their injustices.

With your help, may they find resolution and peace.

Lord in your mercy:

**All say: Hear our prayer**

**Declan**

Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Cleanse them from their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All say: Amen.**

**Offertory**

Ave Maria

**Sign of Peace Hymn**

Make me a channel of your peace

**Communion Hymns**

You Raise Me Up

There is a place

**Recessional Hymn**

Jesus Remember Me

How Great Thou Art

**Reflection**

## She Is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can’t see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.