

THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Requiem Eucharist for Sister Sue Elwyn, SSJD
on the
Feast of St. Michael and All Angels



St. John's Convent
September 29, 2020, 11 am.

*Livestream thanks to R.S. Kane Funeral Homes: <https://youtu.be/jzXQLE5jpbs>
A recording will also be available for 30 days following the service.*

Hymn numbers refer to Common Praise, the hymn book of the Anglican Church of Canada. The liturgy begins in the Book of Alternative Services (BAS), p. 589, as the crucifer and clergy enter.

Entrance:	BAS, p. 589
Hymn:	CP 272: Christ the fair glory of the holy angels
Collect:	BAS, p. 591
First Reading:	Job 19. 1, 21-27a
Psalm:	42 (sung to Tone 5)
Epistle:	1 Peter 1.3-9
Gradual Hymn:	CP 60: I come with joy, a child of God
Gospel:	John 11.17-27
Homily:	<i>followed by 2 minutes silence</i>
Apostles' Creed:	BAS, p. 578
Litany:	BAS, p. 579
The Peace	
Offertory Hymn:	Hymn of Promise

Hymn of Promise

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hymn of Promise'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
lutterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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Prayer over the Gifts: BAS, p. 580

Music for Sanctus: CP 735 (Schubert)

Eucharistic Prayer 3: BAS, p. 581

The Lord's Prayer Paraphrase

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1. Our Mo - ther and Fa - ther, How Ho - ly Your Name! Who dwells
 2. Feed our bod - ies this day; then our hearts and our minds; feed our
 3. And pro - tect us, we pray, in those trials of our souls, when we're
 4. For Yours is true Gov - ern - ment, Yours is right Law, } }

in and Be - yond, ev - er chang - ing the same. May Your Love be our law and Your
 souls in Your way, give us strength in Your kind. For - give, O, for - give us, the
 led to be - tray You, Cre - a - tor, our God. When e - vil e - rupts or slinks
 Yours is the strength that em - pow - ers us all. Yours is the Glo - ry, the

Wish be our will, with - in where we live and Be - yond where You dwell.
 harm that we do, as we work to for - give the harm done to us, too.
 by or walks up, then hold us, we pray you, in Safe - ty and Love
 Star - shine, the Sun, for our time and Your time, un - - - - - end - ing, all One.

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Communion Hymn: CP 24 - Abide with me

Post-Communion Prayer: BAS, p. 585 (2nd option)

Commendation: CP 295 – Christ the Victorious

Procession Hymn:

Creator God: a paraphrase of the Song of Simeon

1. Cre - a - tor, God, my gov - er - nor, my guide, you
 2. I've been your ser - vant; still I serve and will, from
 3. You send me forth, each vow and pro - mise kept, ac -
 4. You've brought sal - va - tion clear, de - live - rance sure, to

give me leave at last to go to that great space where
 birth un - til all ag - es end, and then, in peace and
 cor - ding to the pro - phets' word, My eyes, which searched so
 eve - ry na - tion, set - tled, wild, for Is - rael's glo - ry -

e - ven stars do hide, their fire in your more bril - liant glow.
 love, will I serve still, nor cease when time it - self you rend.
 long, so oft - en wept, are o - pened now in joy as - sured.
 hope of rich and poor - is God, em - bo - died in a child.

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adapted from DRESDEN, J.S. Bach, (E.H. 515)
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The procession will continue outdoors, where the Committal will take place.

The Committal

The Presiding Celebrant will read one or more of the following scripture passages:

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. *John 6.37*

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. *Romans 8.11*

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. *Psalms 16.9*

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. *Psalms 16.11*

The Presiding Celebrant continues:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to almighty God our Sister Susan Frances Elwyn,
and we commit her body to be consumed by fire:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
May God bless her and keep her,
May God's face shine upon her and be gracious to her;

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A prayer or prayers will follow, concluded by:

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Presiding Celebrant blesses the people.

May the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good
that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*The chapel bell will toll until the funeral cortege has left the Convent grounds.
Cremation will take place at Forest Lawn Crematorium. Interment of ashes will take
place at York Cemetery at a later date.*

The Sisters offer their warm thanks to:

- Our Primate, Episcopal Visitor and friend, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Celebrant
- Friend to Sr. Sue and to us all, the Rev. William Whitla, Homilist
- Our talented choir director and Convent organist and pianist, Dan Norman
- The nurses and PSWs in our Infirmary, who have cared for Sr. Sue so lovingly and faithfully during the past five years
- The physicians and team at Toronto General Hospital who cared for Sr. Sue during her last days.
- John Kane and the staff of R.S. Kane, who have looked after our sisters with care and compassion for the past 40 years.

Participants in the service:

Officiant:	Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas
Presiding Celebrant:	The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate
Homilist:	The Rev. William Whitla
Crucifer:	Sr. Susanne
Thurifer:	Sr. Elizabeth Ann
Angelus and Bell Tolling:	Sr. Margaret Ruth
First Reading:	Sr. Doreen
Second Reading:	Sr. Beryl
Litany:	Sr. Constance Joanna
Offertory:	Sr. Amy Joy and Sr. Mary Francis
Server:	Sr. Helen Claire
Tray:	Sr. Dorothy
Flowers:	Sr. Dorothy Grace
Pall Bearers:	Sr. Brenda, Sr. Anne, Sr. Louise, Sr. Kathryn, Sr. Wendy Grace, Sr. Suzanne Marie



Susan Frances Elwyn was born in Peekskill, New York, on November 11, 1949 and died after a long illness on September 24, 2020. Her parents, who predeceased her, were David Hunter Elwyn and Elizabeth Leacock Elwyn. Sister Sue is survived by her three birth sisters Katy, Laura and Rachel and their families, and by many friends both in the USA and in Canada.

She received her B.A. degree at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in classics at the University of Pennsylvania. Before entering the Sisterhood, she taught classical languages at Brigham Young University in Utah and Latin and English literature at West Nottingham

Academy in Maryland. She remained a teacher always, enthusiastically sharing her knowledge with her sisters, retreatants, many parishes, and through the Education for Ministry program for which she was a mentor and Area Coordinator.

Sr. Sue's early Christian formation was at St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church in Northeast, MD – a parish where she made deep friendships and where she discovered the possibility of religious life in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. She entered the Sisterhood in June, 2000, made her First Profession on November 11, 2003 and her Life Profession on October 18, 2006.

As one of our Sisters said so well, Sr. Sue left a trail of love, peace, and friendship everywhere she went. She had broad experience of ministry within the Sisterhood, including St. John's Rehab in Toronto, Maison St-Jean in Montreal, and St. John's House in Victoria, B.C. She adapted easily to new circumstances and her gifts of teaching and creativity went with her everywhere. She completed the Jubilee Program in Spiritual Direction and did spiritual direction long-distance before most of us had ever heard of Zoom. Sr. Sue was a poet, hymn writer, spiritual director, and retreat leader as well as a creative wood-worker, painter, and lover of nature.