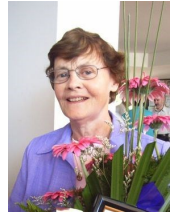




Rite of Committal for Sister Margaret Keane rsj



Gathering

Celebrant

As we gather we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land which is also the burial place of our Sisters, family and friends. With reverence we visit this holy ground where their bodies were placed within the womb of the earth to wait the final day of glory.

We pause in silence to be united with them and with Margaret whom we bring to her resting place today.

Pause for silent prayer

**You know the way for me, you know the time
Into your hands I trustingly place mine
Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love ,
you know the way, your way is love.**

Celebrant

As we prepare to commit Margaret to this grave, we bless this new resting place.
Prayer of Blessing for a new Grave

The Grave is now sprinkled with Holy Water

**You know the way for me, you know the time
Into your hands I trustingly place mine
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Invitation

All

As we commend Margaret to God and commit her body to the earth, let us express in prayer our common faith in the resurrection. As Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, we too are called to follow him through death to the glory where God will be all in all.

During the reading the coffin is lowered into the grave

Committal

Maree

In the beginning there was the Creator's Whisper, "We shall be fire you and I, and no one shall know the secret flame in your heart, though feel its warmth they will."

And as the flame glowed and flickered through your seasons, Margaret, many songs have you sung - songs of praise, of encouragement, of Irish energy with your feet tapping in gladness, of stirring marches, of soft lullabies, and at times of silence like a page that ached for a word that was beyond speaking.

Is the time come? Look, the earth has opened her arms to enfold you in a coverlet of peace and to tenderly close the tired eyes of your days just as she receives the falling petals of the Rose that has bloomed to its fullness. New melodies now arise from the flame in your heart, melodies we cannot yet hear but will one day sing with you.

Together:

Heart of Jesus, heart of Fire, you have united our Sister, Margaret, to yourself. You have made her heart captive in the endless, joyous, blazing fire of your love.

Your intelligent face with warm eyes lit by an inner flame of enthusiasm for the poor and the little ones will not be forgotten by those of us who had the privilege of being blessed by the simplicity of your warm and joyful humanity, Margaret. Go with our love. Go in peace.

**You know the way for me, you know the time
Into your hands I trustingly place mine
Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love ,
you know the way, your way is love.**

Celebrant

As a symbol of closure and entrusting Margaret's body to the earth, please wait for the Funeral directors to invite you to place some soil or flower petals on her coffin.

A tribute from the West Papuan community

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