



MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
for
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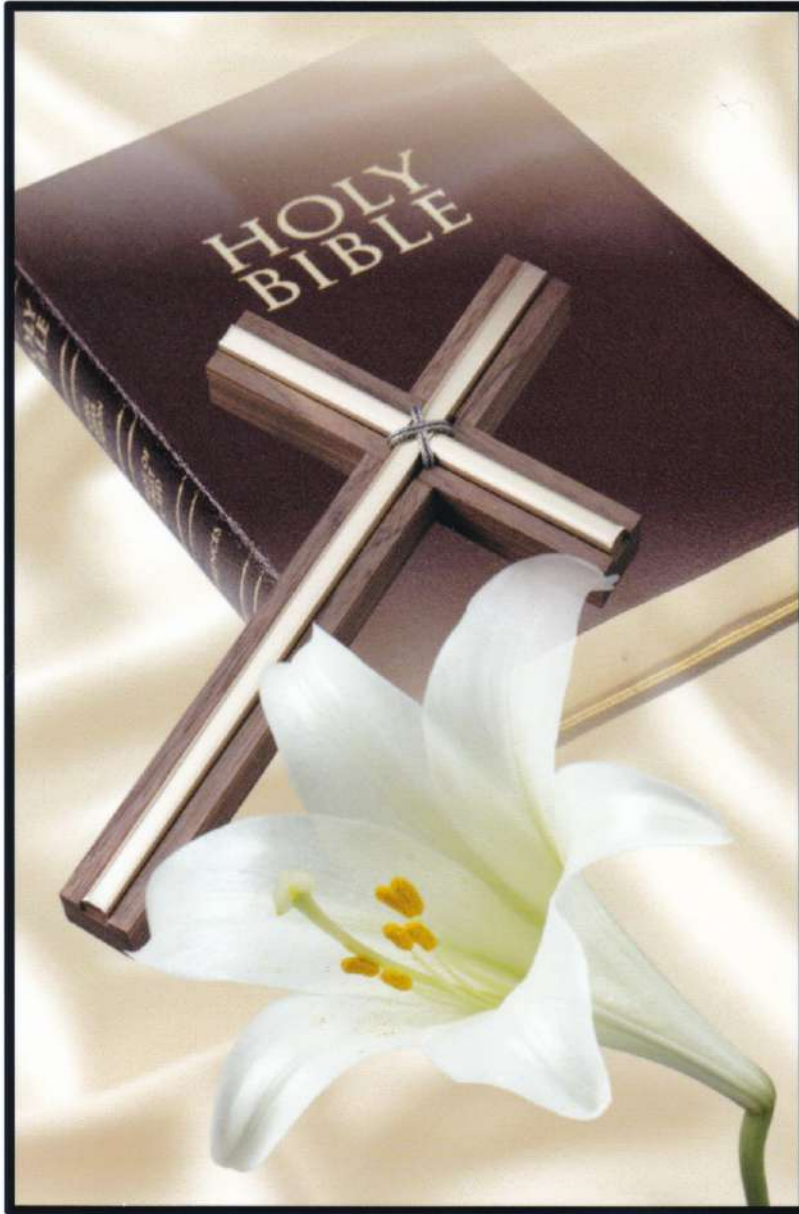


Roseau Cathedral Chapel
Roseau, Dominica

Tuesday, May 5, 2020
10AM

Interment: Roman Catholic Cemetery





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MASS CELEBRANT: Monsignor William John-Lewis

**OTHER PRIESTS OF
THE DIOCESE:** Rev. Father Nigel Karam
Rev. Father Charles Martin
Monsignor Eustace Thomas

**ORGANIST/
CHOIR MASTER:** Cedric Phillip

CHOIR: Members of Cathedral Choir

 **PALL BEARERS** 

Terry Bertrand
Angus McIntyre
Colin McIntyre

Irving McIntyre
Shane McIntyre
Cedric Sookhoo

ORDER OF MASS

GREETING.....*Celebrant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love
of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.....*Canticle of the Sun*

Refrain:

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest,
come play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.*

*(1) Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
the moon and the stars
who light up the way unto your throne.*

Celebrant: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation.
He comforts us in all our affliction and thus enables
us to comfort those who are in trouble with the same
consolation we have received from Him. (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

People: Blessed be God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: I bless the body of Sybil with Holy Water that
recalls her baptism of which St. Paul writes: All of
us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were
baptised into His death. By Baptism into His death
we were buried together with Him, so that just as

Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might lead a new life. For if we have been united with Him by likeness to His death, so shall we be united with Him by likeness to His resurrection.

(a white pall in remembrance of the baptismal garment is placed on the casket)

Celebrant: On the day of her baptism, Sybil put on Christ. In the day of Christ's coming may she be clothed with glory.

Canticle Of The Sun continued . . .

*(2) Praise the wind that blows through the trees,
the seas' mighty storms, the gentle breeze;
they blow where they will,
they blow where they please to please the Lord.
Refrain*

*(3) Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
from death unto life
her myst'ry revealed springs forth in joy.
Refrain*

*(4) Praise to our death, that makes our life real,
the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;
the Gift of Yourself,
Your Presence revealed to bring us home.
Refrain*

CEREMONY OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

Celebrant: Behold the light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the One Who sent me, the night will soon be here when no one can work.

All: As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Celebrant: I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?

All: Yes, we believe that Jesus is the anointed one, The Son of God, He who is to come into the world.

Celebrant: Our life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life appears, then we shall appear with Him in glory.

All: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with Him.

Celebrant: He who raised up the Lord will raise up Sybil and us along with Jesus and place us in His presence.

All: Both in life and in death we are the Lord's. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again. Death has no power over Him. We know also that our own death is the beginning of our participation in the victory of Christ. We believe that God is faithful to His Covenant and He will give us the fullness of life on the last day.

Celebrant: Let us pray: (Pause)
Almighty Father, You raised Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead so that we who believe Him to be the Light of the world may with Him be brought to the fullness of life in His resurrection. Grant, we ask You, that our sister Sybil, who has left this world might merit Your forgiveness for the sins she has committed and inherit eternal life. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE READING.....Acts 10: 34-43
Marah St. Rose

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.....Psalm 23

Refrain

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (R)*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name. (R)*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (R)*

*You have set me a banquet of love in the face of
hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. (R)*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the
days of my life. (R)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25: 1-13

HOMILY..... Monsignor William John-Lewis

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL.....

Response to Intercessions: Lord Hear Our Prayer

PREPARATION &
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS.....*Here Is My Life*

*Here is my life
The bread that I bring,
Here is my soul, my life,
The song that I sing.
Take it for gift, and take it for granted,
Sprung from the seeds that I've shed and I've planted
So long ago.....even till now*

*Bread from the highlands of life
And bread from the valleys,
Bread from the good things we do
That nobody tallies,
Now we are ready, Lord
(three times)
Take us as your own.*

HOLY HOLY.....

*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.*

OUR FATHER.....

*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.*

LAMB OF GOD.....

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

GREETING OF PEACE

COMMUNION HYMN.....*O Bread of Heaven*

*O bread of heaven, beneath this veil
thou dost my very God conceal;
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
I love thee and adoring kneel;
each loving soul by thee is fed
with thine own self in form of bread.*

*O food of life, thou who dost give
the pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
and every grief with joy repays.*

*O bond of love, that dost unite
the servant to his living Lord;
could I dare live, and not requite
such love then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
some love for such unmeasured love.*

*Belovèd Lord in heaven above,
there, Jesus, thou awaitest me;
to gaze on thee with changeless love,
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
for how can He deny me heaven
who here on earth himself hath given?*

COMMUNION HYMN.....*I Am The Bread of Life*

*I am the Bread of life,
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draws him.*

Refrain:
*And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.*

*The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live for ever,
He shall live for ever.*

*Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you.*

*I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
He who believes in Me
Even if he die,
He shall live for ever.*

*Yes, Lord, we believe
That You are the Christ,
The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world.*

MEDITATION.....*Ave Maria*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL COMMENDATION:

Celebrant: Our sister Sybil has gone to her rest in the peace of Christ. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us commend her to the loving mercy of our Father and assist her with our prayers. She became God's daughter through baptism and was often fed at the table of the Lord. May the Lord now welcome her to the table of God's children in Heaven, and, with all the saints, may she inherit the promise of eternal life.

Let us now pray to the Lord for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our sister Sybil. Together may we meet Christ Jesus when He, who is our Life, shall appear in His glory.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Father into your hands we commend our sister Sybil. We are confident that with all who have died in Christ, she will be raised to life on the last day and live forever with Christ. We thank You for all the blessings You gave her in this life to show your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is ours with the saints in Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer: Welcome our sister Sybil to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith until we all meet in Christ to be with you and with our sister Sybil forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....All I Ask Of You

Refrain: All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you!

*Deep the joy of being together in one heart
And for me, that's just where it is.*

*As we make our way through all the joys and pain
Can we sense our younger truer selves?*

*Someone will be calling you to be there for a while
Can you hear their cry from deep within?*

*Laughter, joy and presence the only gifts you are!
Have you time? I'd like to be with you.*

*Persons come into the fibre of our lives
And their shadows fade and disappears (But)*

*All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you!
Forever as loving you.*



OBITUARY

SYBIL EVA BARON

Sybil Eva Baron was born on April 2, 1929 to John Norbert & Mary Evalina McIntyre, and was the couple's third out of nine children. Growing up in a large family, Sybil learned at a young age the value of sharing and the strength of family bonds. She attended the Convent High School and upon graduation, entered the colonial civil service. Sybil held many roles throughout her life: devoted daughter, beloved sister, loving wife, nurturing aunt, and best friend.

Sybil was one of those people who just made things happen; when she put her mind to something, rest assured it would be accomplished. So, when she and others had the idea back in the mid 1950's to form a netball team for Dominica, there was no doubt this would happen. Fast forward a few years later, Sybil and a team of young and proud Dominican women traveled to Trinidad to participate in their first netball tournament. In a similar vein, she saw a need to broaden the carnival experience for all Dominicans and helped to develop Dominica's annual carnival celebrations by serving as chairperson of the national Queen Show Committee and helping to select the annual carnival queen.

Throughout her professional career, Sybil served in many government positions, including, Secretary to the Government's Housing and Loans Board, Senior Executive Officer in the Government Audit Department, Training Officer in the Establishment Department responsible for coordinating all government training in the public service and Assistant Secretary to the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education. In the latter position, Sybil made prodigious efforts to obtain scholarships for Dominican students to enable them to pursue a university education and took great satisfaction when advised of their success in their chosen professions.

But, if you were to ask Sybil, her most important "job" was her contributions to the church. Whether it be raising funds, organizing events, chairing committees, Sybil was always there, willing and ready to help. She was a member of the Sacred Heart and Mount Carmel Societies, and she placed her considerable business savvy in the service of the Church and served as the head of the Cathedral's Fundraising Committee, its Finance Committee and spent many years volunteering at the parish office. She was a woman deeply rooted in faith and service. Other organizations also benefitted from Sybil's generosity. For many years she served as an executive member of Dominica's Red Cross helping to dispense aid to our most vulnerable citizens.

Sybil Baron was married to husband Frank Baron, Dominica's first Chief Minister, for over forty years before his death on April 9, 2016. The two kept up a busy schedule but Sybil always made time for her siblings, nieces, nephews and her wide circle of friends. She opened her home to family members at all times. Many of her nieces and nephews recalled the wonderful times they spent splashing in her pool. For many of these nieces and nephews their first job was working in Auntie Sybil's boutique in downtown Roseau. She treated them as if they were her own children and loved them dearly.

Sybil had a passion and abiding love for all members of her family. She cared for her mother for many years in a house she owned on King's Lane. She enjoyed hosting family functions including an annual Christmas dinner. She enjoyed listening to stories about younger family members whom she cared for deeply. In later years, she mastered the mysteries of WhatsApp to call her family members to interact with them and to be updated about their work, education and family.

Sybil seamlessly juggled the virtues of love, devotion, faith and charity throughout her life. A fitting tribute to her would be to continue her legacy of caring and giving with little or no expectation of anything in return. Love is the currency of the heart, caring and compassion its legal tender.

Sybil has enriched the lives of all those who were fortunate to have known and be touched by her. Ever mindful that the day would come when she would be called to meet her maker, she kept telling her family for many years that she was already in the "departure lounge."

Ah Sybil Eva Baron! You have now left the departure lounge and you are well on your way to the celestial kingdom. We can picture you on your final journey, as you walk towards Heaven to be reunited with your late husband, family, and friends, while humming the words of a memorable hymn:

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

May you enjoy perpetual rest.

Thank You

*The McIntyre family wishes to express sincere
thanks and appreciation to all for
your love, prayers and support at this time.
Many thanks and may God continue to bless you.*

