

CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE, REFUGE OF SINNERS
RATHMINES 10th March 2024

Theme: God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son (John 3:16)

Entrance Peaceful Waters

Restless hearts, it has been a long time
out here on the journey for a glimpse of paradise
It's getting hard to find a place to go
where peaceful waters flow
I took a walk past the old Saxon well
Down by the Cathedral, I heard the Chapel bell
and joined the people singing for a way to go
where peaceful waters flow

And if you don't know by now, you never will
only love can find the door
And if you could see it now, it's in your hand
Only love can reach the shore to Heaven

Always He is standing by my side
He's my inspiration, and He's my battle cry
And in His light is the only place I know
where peaceful waters flow

And if you don't know by now, you never will
only love can find the door
And if you could see it now, it's in your hand
Only love can reach the shore forever more
where peaceful waters flow

***You cannot
slow the setting
of the sun.
You can only choose
how to spend
your time
in the light.***

Psalm You've Got A Friend

When you're down and troubled
and you need a helping hand
And nothing, no nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me, and soon I will be there
to brighten up even your darkest night

Ch: You just call out my name
 and you know wherever I am
 I'll come running to see you again
 Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall
 all you've got to do is call
 And I'll be there, yes I will. You've got a friend

If the sky above you should turn dark and full of clouds
and that old north wind should begin to blow
Keep your head together, and call my name out loud
and soon I'll be knocking upon your door

Chorus

Well, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
when people can be so cold
They'll hurt you, they'll desert you
they'll take your soul if you let them
Oh but don't you let them

Chorus

Gospel Acclamation

Lift up your hearts to the Lord
in praise of His mercy
Sing out your joy to the Lord
His love is enduring

Acclamation When Will I Ever Learn

When will I ever learn to live in God
When will I ever learn
He gives me everything I need, and more
When will I ever learn

Communion He Ain't Heavy

The road is long with many a winding turn
that leads us to who knows where, who knows when
But I'm strong, strong enough to carry him
He ain't heavy, he's my brother

So on we go, his welfare is my concern
No burden is he to bear, we'll get there
For I know he will not encumber me
He ain't heavy, he's my brother

If I'm laden at all, I'm laden with sadness
that everyone's heart isn't filled with gladness
of love for one another

It's a long, long road from which there is no return
While we're on our way to there, why not share
For God knows, he doesn't weigh me down at all
He ain't heavy, he's my brother, he's my brother
he's my brother

Communion Reflection

I give you praise, God, of my journey:

for your love that upholds us
for your grace that sustains us
for the discovery of new hopes
for the wonder of never-ending growth
for the taste of transformation
for the mystery of the journey

I ask forgiveness, God, of my journey:

for holding too tightly
for refusing to be open to new life
for fighting off the dying that is essential for growing
for insisting that I must be secure and serene
for wanting too much
for ignoring your voice when you urged me to let go

I beg assistance, God, of my journey:

to accept that all of life is only on loan to me
to believe beyond this moment
to accept your courage when mine fails
to recognise the pilgrim part of my heart
to hold all of life in open hands
to treasure all that is gift and blessing

Joyce Rupp



Recessional Full Force Gale

Like a full force gale I was lifted up again
I was lifted up again by the Lord

No matter where I roam
I will find my way back home
I will always return to the Lord

In the gentle evening breeze
by the whispering shady trees
I will find my sanctuary in the Lord

I was headed for a fall
then I saw the writing on the wall

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