



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Carmela Scarcella*

Born in Romissa (Sicily) Italy On 4<sup>th</sup> May 1953  
Entered eternal life in Brisbane On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

"Forever in our hearts"  
*"Per sempre nei nostri cuori"*

**Holy Cross Catholic Church, Woolloowin QLD**  
**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Celebrant: Fr. Luis Antonio Diaz Lamus, cs  
Organist: Sarina Nicotra  
Vocalist: Carmela Bozzi, OAM



## ENTRANCE HYMN:

*Dolce è Sentire*

Dolce è sentire, come nel mio cuore  
ora umilmente sta nascendo amore  
Dolce è capire che non son più solo  
ma che son parte di una immensa vita  
che generosa risplende intorno a me  
dono di Lui, del Suo immenso amore!

Ci ha dato il Cielo e le chiare stelle  
fratello Sole e sorella Luna  
La madre terra con frutti, prati e fiori  
Il fuoco, il vento, l'aria e l'acqua pura  
fonte di vita per le sue creature...  
dono di Lui, del Suo immenso amore

Sia laudato nostro Signore  
Che ha creato l'universo intero  
Sia laudato nostro Signore  
Noi tutti siamo le Sue creature  
Dono di Lui, del Suo immenso amore  
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## OPENING RITES

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**All: Amen.**

C: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## Blessing Of The Coffin With Holy Water

C: In the waters of baptism Carmela died with Christ and rose with  
him in glory.

**All: May she now share eternal life with Him in glory.**

### **Lighting Of The Paschal Candle**

*(Enzina Scarcella)*

C: In baptism Carmela received the light of Christ. This light has guided her through life and has placed her gently in the loving arms of the Lord. This Light is the promise of eternal life.

**All: May Christ now welcome her into the kingdom of light and peace.**

### **Placing Of White Pall**

*(Elisa Iacono and Daniel Scarcella)*

C: In baptism Carmela was clothed in the white garment, which is the outward sign of our Christian dignity as God's children.

**All: May she stand before the Lamb of God dressed in the white robe of salvation**

### **Placing Of Photo And Flowers**

*(Carl, Joshua and Melina Iacono)*

C: We place this photo and these flowers as a symbol of the everlasting love and devotion of her family and friends.

**All: May Christ now enfold her in love and welcome her to eternal life.**

### **Words of Remembrance / Eulogy**

*(Enzina, Elisa and Daniel)*

### **Video Presentation**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

C: Almighty God, our Father, we firmly believe that your Son died and rose to life. We pray for Carmela who has died in Christ. Raise her at the last day to share the glory of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

(Read by Anna Rohrlach)

*A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy  
(2 Tim 4:6-8)*

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me on that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also who love His appearing.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Dalla seconda lettera di San Paolo Apostolo a Timoteo (4: 6-8)*

È giunto il momento di sciogliere le vele. Ho combattuto la buona battaglia, ho terminato la mia corsa, ho conservato la fede. Ora mi resta solo la corona di giustizia che il Signore, giusto giudice, mi consegnerà in quel giorno; e non solo a me, ma anche a tutti coloro che attendono con amore la sua manifestazione.

Parola di Dio

**All: Rendiamo grazia a Dio**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (sung)**

*Il Signore è il mio pastore*

Signore sei tu il mio pastore, conosci il mio nome da sempre, come conosci il Padre tuo, tu conosci me.

Mi cerchi se sono smarrita, lontana da te che sei vita, ma se m'incammino per il tuo sentiero Tu via sei per me.

**Signore sei tu il mio pastore, non manco di nulla;  
su pascoli erbosi mi fai riposare ad acque tranquille con te (x2).**

Signore tu sei porta aperta e se entro in te io verrò accolta con gioia e festa sarà per il mio ritorno a te.

Per me tu prepari una mensa di gioia e di libertà e nella tua casa resterò per l'eternità.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*(Read by Fr. Luis Antonio)*

C: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit.**

C: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14, 1-6)

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to His disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house: if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared a place for you, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Gospel of the Lord:

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## HOMILY

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

C: We thank our God that Carmela is now at peace. As we feel the pain of separation, we turn to our God who leans close to hear the prayers of our heart.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### Carl Iacono

Lord, we entrust Carmela into your loving care; she was nourished with your body and your blood at the table of the Lord; welcome her now into your heavenly kingdom where she will know peace and happiness forever. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Joshua Iacono**

Lord, many people have been touched by Nonna's life. May her goodness, strength and enduring love continue to enrich our lives. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Melissa Saporita**

For all those who supported and cared for Carmela during her life, especially the caregivers who were so kind to her. We thank them for their dedication and skill. May their compassion be richly rewarded. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Thomas McKirdy**

We pray that the family and friends of Carmela be sustained by your love and be strengthened in their life journey. May the Lord be their strength and consolation. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Paige Marsh**

We pray for all those who are experiencing illness and hardship. May they find in You a source of hope and comfort. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

C: Gracious God, be with us in the ebb and flow of life. Help us to know, in moments of joy and suffering, that your presence surrounds and sustains us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All: Amen**

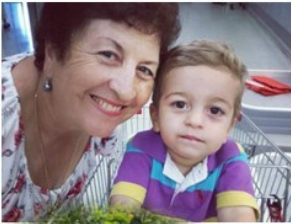
## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*(Please stand)*

### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**BREAD AND WINE:** *brought by Christina and Pippa McKirdy*





**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

*Gentle Woman*

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you  
Blessed are you among women,  
And blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
Now at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Refrain: Gentle woman, quiet light  
Morning star so strong and bright  
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove  
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.**

You were chosen by the Father  
You were chosen for the Son  
You were chosen from all women  
And for woman, a shining one. **Refrain**

**C:** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**C:** Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of our sister Carmela. May Christ be merciful in judging her for she believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord,

**All: Amen.**

## PREFACE

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.**

*(Please kneel)*

**C: The mystery of faith.**

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

**C: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:**

**All: 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.**

**C: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

## SIGN OF PEACE

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

**All: Amen.**

**C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**All: And with your spirit.**

**C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace**

**All: 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.**

*(Please kneel)*

**C: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of  
the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.**

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but  
only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

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

I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

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

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever....**Refrain**

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....**Refrain**

I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever....**Refrain**

## MEDITATION SONG:

*Be not Afraid*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign men, and they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live

**Refrain: Be not afraid, I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell, and death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all... **Refrain**

And blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh  
And if wicked men insult and hate you, all because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you.... **Refrain**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our sister Carmela come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## FINAL COMMENDATION

C: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Carmela. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

**SONG OF FAREWELL:**

*In Paradiso*

**Rit. In paradiso ti accolgano gli angeli e i santi, ti accolgano nella pace di Dio**

Ti accolgano gli angeli e ti portino al trono di Dio; tu possa sentire la sua voce di Padre benigno. **Rit.**

Ti accolga la Vergine, dolce madre di Cristo qui in terra: tu possa abitare con la dolce tua madre del cielo. **Rit.**

C: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Carmela, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon her in this life; they are signs of your goodness and our fellowship with the Saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of Paradise to your servant Carmela and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with You and with our sister Carmela forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

*You Raise me Up*

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until You come and sit awhile with me.

Refrain: You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be. x 4

You raise me up to more than I can be





## *Sincere Thanks*

Angelo Scarcella and the family of Carmela, wish to thank you for your presence today. Your kind wishes and prayers have been a source of comfort and support to us all. Your expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

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