



Myra Louise Guldenpfennig Minear

Date of Birth: October 20, 1941

Born into Eternal Life: July 9, 2020

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn: Amazing Grace Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Sprinkling with Holy Water: Fr. Robert sprinkles Myra's remains with holy water, calling to mind her Baptism and initiation into the community of faith and reminding us of the saving power of Baptism.

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Eulogy: Michelle Minear Chandrasekhar

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 . . . proclaimed by Shrikumar Austin Nair
A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.
For if before men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 91: (All respond)

"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your tent,
For to his angels he has given command about you,
that they guard you in all your ways.

Upon their hands they shall bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the asp and the viper;
you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him;
I will set him on high
because he acknowledges my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in distress;
I will deliver him and glorify him.

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-2proclaimed by Anna Thompson Minear
A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like
him,

for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Mass of GloryHurd

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12a

.proclaimed by Rev. Robert M. Rutledge, OSFS

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,

for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute
you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely
because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily: Rev. Robert M Rutledge, OSFS

Intercessions:

(All respond) Lord, hear our prayer

..... read by Blake Minear

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts:

..... Gifts are presented by Lauren Elizabeth Gates.

Ava Maria Bach

Mass of CreationHaugen

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.

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,

and profess your resurrection,

until you come again, until you come again.

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (x2)
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: On Eagle's WingsJoncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life.
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness, your shield. (Refrain)

Rite of Final Commendation

In farewell, Myra's remains are incensed as we pray for her rising to heaven. Incense is used as a sign of honor to the body of the deceased, which through Baptism became the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Song of Farewell:

Quietly, peacefully, may she rest in peace.
Quietly, peacefully, bring her home to you.

Recessional Hymn:

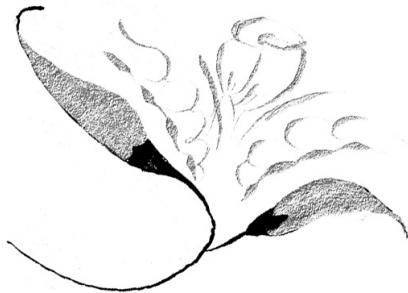
Make Me A Channel of Your Peace Temple

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life



Myra Minear



Myra Louise Guldenpfennig Minear, 78, entered into eternal life Thursday, July 9, 2020, at her home in Durham, North Carolina.

Services were held Monday, July 20, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Holy Infant Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Matthew Catholic Cemetery also in Durham. R.M. Ferguson Funeral Service, Raleigh, handled arrangements.

Myra was born on October 20, 1941, in Barstow, Rock Island County, Illinois, just east of East Moline and Silvis. She was the daughter of farmers, John Arthur and Martha Guldenpfennig. At the age of two, Myra's father drowned in a tragic accident. Her mother remarried August John Meyers, a mortuary assistant. A kind and godly man, August raised Martha's children as his own.

Myra enjoyed school and her friends and was known by some of her friends as a member of the "The Brain Trust." She graduated in 1959 from United Township High School in East Moline. She went on to graduate from Iowa State University having earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Her cousins and classmates often spoke of her empathy; she was always able to listen and connect to anyone. Her first work experience was with the state hospital, taking care of the elderly. She was always someone's loving support, whether she was working, volunteering, or that friendly face that brightens someone's day!



Myra loved gardening, and the conservation and care of our Earth's plants, animals, and people. Her passion for her family, friends, helping others, and her abiding faith sustained her throughout her life. Even when pain became unbearable, she would quote her mother, "we take what God gives us and do our best to serve him," then draw a deep breath and follow her mother's example.

Myra was known for living her faith. She was a long time parishioner of Holy Infant Catholic Church. She was always ready to help anyone in need, often taking people that were in trouble into her home until they were on their feet. She served for many years as a counselor operating Durham Rescue Mission's hotline CONTACT. <https://www.durhamrescuemission.org/>

Myra was preceded in death by her beloved stepfather August John Meyers, mother Martha Pollentier Guldenpfennig Meyers, and devoted brother, Donald Allen Guldenpfennig of Ogden, Iowa.

She is survived by her loving children and their spouses, daughter Michelle and T.M. Chandrasekhar;

son, Blake and Nancy Minear; son, Eric and Donna Minear; and son, Todd and Meredith Minear; grandchildren, Shrikumar Austin Nair, Madeline Dakota Minear, Lauren Elizabeth Gates, Mary Arden Gates, and Anna Thompson Minear.

Myra leaves behind her adopted "chicks," dear cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends: Angelia, David, Erin, Taylor; John, Julie, Ellen, Jake; Judy, Rob, Pat; Susanne, James, Elisabeth, Harrison, Wilson, Lee; John K; Barb, Theresa, Brian, Kevin, Christa; Brian and Carol; Ruth, Becky; Lois, (wife of brother Don): Steve, Laura, Ryan; Mark, Pat, Jenai, Amber, Aaron, Adam, Christopher; Susan, Mark, Jennifer (with her Grandfather in heaven), Michael; Jim, Rhonda, Gavin, Marlena, Kylie; Marcia, Kurt, Scott, Nick; Jaime, Maureen, Jan, Mary, Peggy, Nancy and Larry, Diane, Brian and Roberta, Brian and Carol, Tad, Rosalie, Don, Carl and Lynn, Fathers John, Jim, and Robert and all the others whose hearts we know but whose names escape us!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of two charities that were close to Myra's heart: The priest's discretionary funds at Holy Infant Catholic Church, 5000 Southpark Drive, Durham, NC 27713-9470; or to Durham Rescue Mission <https://www.durhamrescuemission.org/donation/>

Myra's family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, condolences, love, and support. Special thanks to Father Robert, Francine Britto and the Music Ministry of Holy Infant Parish. Following this Liturgy, all are invited to an online reception with the family at

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/793681461>

Holy Infant Catholic Church
Durham, NC



*Holy Mary, Mother of God, I, your
unworthy servant, do this day*

*choose you as my Queen Protectress
and Advocate.*

*I resolve never to forsake you,
never to say anything against you.*

*I promise to love and serve you and to
promote your cause before all so that they
may also come to love and serve you.*

*Accept me, I beseech you, as your servant
forever. Stand by me in my daily
activities so that they give glory to God.*

*Please do not abandon me, ever.
Grant me the gift of death with peace
and an eternity of happiness with you
and your Son, Jesus.*