

# Our Lady of England

## Evening Prayer for the Dead - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Entrance: Calm me Lord (Margaret Rizza)

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord,  
keep me from harm. Let all the tumult with - in me cease; en - fold me,  
Lord, in your peace. Lord, en - fold me in your peace.

Opening Responses:

Reader In the darkest night – when we feel most afraid

**All** **Someone comes alongside us –  
a man walking in the darkness  
as if darkness were day.**

Reader In the storms of life when we feel buffeted –  
our dreams blown and torn –  
our trust stretched to its fullest.

**All** **Jesus calls our name  
and calms the storms that assail us.**

Reader In the trials of life  
when we feel overwhelmed by worry and apprehension.

**All** **Jesus reaches out a hand -  
invites us to trust  
and we find we can walk on water.**

## Song

Refrain: All



May the word of God strength-en you. May the word of God  
nour-ish you. May the word of God com-fort you all your life.

Optional Verses: Cantor/Choir/All



to Refrain

1. May it be your light in dark-ness as you walk the path of faith.
2. May it lead you to the free-dom of the love that calls your name.
3. May it set your hearts on fire to be faith-ful to God's voice.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

*Candles are lit while the following is spoken:*

Light a light for those you want to remember.

Light a light for hope.

Light a light as a prayer beyond words.

Light a candle for those you need, in whatever may, to let go.

*All are now invited to come forward and light a candle while we sing together:*



Our dark-ness is ne-ver dark-ness  
in your sight: the deep-est night is  
clear as the day - light. Our

Our Father

Closing Responses:

Reader        We give thanks for the fruits of the labours  
                  of those who have died:  
                  For the gifts they gave to the world  
                  For the gifts they gave to us.

**All            Gather their fruits  
                  the work of their hands and their hearts  
                  into the harvest of the kingdom.**

Reader        In our sorrow for those who died,  
                  we look to you and to one another for comfort.

**All            Lord, enfold in your love our aching hearts  
                  and the hearts of all who mourn  
                  Cherish us –  
                  Soothe us –  
                  Console us –  
                  Teach us to believe in a future beyond tears.**

Reader        As we remember those we love,  
                  we remember your love for them,  
                  a love that endures from eternity to eternity.

**All            We entrust those we love to your eternal love  
                  we commit their souls to your keeping.  
                  We go to live in hope  
                  that we will meet them in your kingdom  
                  where there are no tears – no mourning  
                  no darkness of sorrow  
                  for you are our light and our salvation  
                  and we place all our trust in you.**

Reader           And so, we ask God to bless us and keep us in  
                          trust

**All                The Father – the Son – and the Holy Spirit**

Reader           And until we and those whom we have loved  
                          and lost meet again

**All                May God hold us in the palm of his hand.  
                          Amen.**

Final Song:

O Lord, we are always in your presence. In  
you we live and move and have our being. You hold us in the  
palm of your hand and you lead us to your glory. O

Procession to the Cemetery

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