

## Concluding Prayer

**Father:** Lord Jesus, our Redeemer,  
You willingly gave yourself up to death,  
so that all might be saved and pass from death  
to life.  
We humbly ask you to comfort your servants  
in their grief and to receive Mother Maria  
Annunziata into the arms of your mercy.  
You alone are the Holy One,  
You are mercy itself;  
by dying you unlocked the gates of life  
for those who believe in you.  
Forgive Mother Maria Annunziata her sins,  
and grant her a place of happiness, light  
and peace in the kingdom of your glory  
for ever.  
R/ Amen.

## *Concluding Rite*

### Blessing

**Father:** Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours for their good  
deeds go with them.  
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.  
R/ And let perpetual light shine upon her.  
**Father:** May she rest in peace.  
R/ Amen.  
**Father:** May her soul and the souls of all the faithful  
Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
R/ Amen.

*A Welcome for  
Mother Maria Annunziata  
Clorinda Stanizzi  
to the Chapel of the  
Sister Disciples of the Divine Master  
Strathfield*



*Feast of St Francis of Assisi  
4 October 2008  
4.00pm*

*Assistant: Son of God who came to destroy sin and death: Lord, have mercy.*

R/ Lord, have mercy.

*Assistant: Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death: Lord, have mercy.*

R/ Lord, have mercy.

*Assistant: Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory: Lord, have mercy.*

R/ Lord, have mercy.

*Assistant: Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who bring rest to our souls, give peace to Mother Maria Annunziata forever: Lord, have mercy.*

R/ Lord, have mercy.

*Assistant: Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless Mother Maria Annunziata's family and her religious community who gather around her today: Lord, have mercy.*

R/ Lord, have mercy.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Father:** Brother and sisters, our true home is heaven. Therefore Let us pray to our heavenly Father as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father . . .

## Gospel

*Luke 12:35-40*

*Be prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks.

‘Happy those servants whom the master finds awake, when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready.

‘You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.

‘You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## *Litany*

**Father:** Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection:

*Assistant:* *Risen Lord, pattern of our life for ever: Lord, have mercy.*

R/ Lord, have mercy

*Assistant:* *Promise and image of what we shall be: Lord, have mercy.*

R/ Lord, have mercy.

## *Introductory Rites*

### Greeting

**Father:** May the God of hope give you the fullness of peace, and may the Lord of life be always with you.

R/ And also with you.

### Opening Hymn *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place*

*Antiphon:* *How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord God of hosts.*

1. My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy,  
to God the living God. *Antiphon*
2. The sparrow herself finds a home,  
And the swallow a nest for her brood.  
She lays her young by your altars,  
Lord of hosts my King and my God. *Antiphon*
3. They are happy who dwell in your house,  
forever singing your praise.  
They are happy whose strength is in You,  
in whose hearts are the roads to Sion. *Antiphon*

### Invitation to Prayer

**Father:** My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as

one through our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather Mother Maria Annunziata to Himself:

*Pause for silent prayer.*

### **Opening Prayer**

**Father:** Lord our God,  
The death of our sister Mother Maria Annunziata recalls our human condition and the shortness of our lives on earth.  
But for those who believe in your love death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives.  
We share the faith of Your Son's disciples and the hope of the children of God.  
Bring the light of Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for Mother Maria Annunziata and for those who love her, through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

### *Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading**      *2 Corinthians 5:1. 6-10*

*We have an everlasting home in heaven.*

We know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight—we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

*Response*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long;  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold His temple.

*Response*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.

*Response*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
hope in the Lord.

*Response*