

The Cathedral Church of St Paul  
Dundee

# **Ann Loades**

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Funeral Service

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
1.30 pm

# Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

Welcome to all who are joining this service, in the Cathedral or online. This service is livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel at [tinyurl.com/stpaulsdundee](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtjnyurl.com/stpaulsdundee), and will be available to watch there afterwards.

You are invited to join in the words printed in **bold type** in this order of service. Directions for standing, sitting, and kneeling are given, but please feel free to do what is most comfortable for you during the service.

The service is conducted by the Very Revd Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Provost of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, and the Right Revd Andrew Swift, Bishop of Brechin. The organist is Mr Stuart Muir, the Pastoral Musician.

Welcome stewards are on duty to help if you need any information.

- Please switch phones to silent or off.
- If you use a hearing aid, switch it to 'T' for direct access to the sound system.
- Toilets and baby changing facilities are through the side door to the rear of the left-hand aisle.

After the service, all are welcome for refreshments at the Apex Hotel, a short distance from the Cathedral: West Victoria Dock, DD1 3JP.

Ann remained productive until the very end of her life. Many of you will have seen the film about her approach to theology: *Danseuse* at <https://youtu.be/Ldsca4bSdCs>. She also wrote a short book in the *My Theology* series which provides an account of how her views developed, *The Serendipity of Life's Encounters*. Free copies are available in the Cathedral for those who would like one.

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# THE FUNERAL SERVICE

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## Sentences

STAND

## Welcome and Prayer

REMAIN STANDING

*The Provost*

## Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Tune: Blaenwern*

## **Reading – Wisdom 3.1-9, 5.15-16**

SIT

*read by Dr Judith Wolfe, Professor of Philosophical Theology at the University of St Andrews; one of Ann's colleagues*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going forth from us their destruction. But they are at peace. For though in the sight of others, they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them, and found them worthy of himself. Like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The righteous live for ever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore, they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord because with his right hand he will cover them.

## **Address**

*The Revd Dr David Jasper, Professor Emeritus of Literature and Theology at the University of Glasgow; one of Ann's research students*

## **Reading – on the motherhood of Christ**

*read by Ruth Begley; one of Ann's goddaughters*

*In her Revelations of Divine Love Julian of Norwich, a 14<sup>th</sup>-century anchorite, reflects on the nature and purposes of God. Her writings are the earliest known (other than anonymous works) by a woman writing in English.*

Our Mother in nature, our Mother in grace, because he wanted altogether to become our Mother in all things, made the foundations of his work most humbly and mildly in the maiden's womb ... Our great God, the supreme wisdom of all things, arrayed and prepared himself in this humble place, all ready in our poor flesh, himself to do the service and the office of motherhood in everything. The mother's service is nearest, readiest and surest: nearest because it is most natural, readiest because it is most loving, and surest because it is truest. No one ever might or could perform this office fully except only him.

His words, 'You will not be overcome' were said very insistently and very strongly, for certainty and strength against every tribulation that may come. He did not say: 'You will not be troubled, you will not be belaboured, you will not be disquieted.' But he said: 'You will not be overcome.' God wants us to pay attention to these words, and always to be strong in faithful trust, in well-being and in woe, for he loves us and delights in us, and so he wishes us to love him and delight in him, and trust greatly in him, and all will be well.

From the first time that this was revealed, I desired many times to know in what was our Lord's meaning. And fifteen years and more I was answered in spiritual understanding, and it was said: 'What, do you wish to know your Lord's meaning in this thing?' Know it well, love was his meaning. Who reveals it to you? Love. What did he reveal to you? Love. Why does he reveal it to you? For love. So I was taught that love is our Lord's meaning. And I saw very certainly in this and in everything that before God made us he loved us, which love was never abated and never will be. And in this love he has done all his works, and in this love he has made all things profitable to us, and in this love is our life everlasting.

## Prayers

SIT OR KNEEL

*The Right Revd Dr Gregor Duncan, formerly Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway; one of Ann's friends*

One of Ann's great gifts was the gift of friendship. So we pray for her friends and ours, both living and departed, that mutual love may continue to grow under God's care:

Heavenly Father, you bestowed on us the comfort of earthly friends: look in love upon those dear to us from whom we are now separated. Protect them and keep them from harm; prosper and bless them in all good things; suffer them never to be desolate or afraid, and let no shadow come between them and us to divide our hearts; but in your own good time may we renew the comfort of sight and sound, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Of all the arts, Ann was most devoted to dance which she herself taught for many years. A prayer, then, of the 13<sup>th</sup> century Beguine, Mechtild of Magdeburg, for all who find in dance a means of access to the divine:

I cannot dance, O Lord, unless you lead me. If it is your will, I can leap with joy. But you must show me how to dance and sing by dancing and singing yourself. With you I will leap towards love, and from love I will leap to truth, and from truth I will leap to joy, and then I shall leap beyond all human senses. There by your grace I will remain and dance for evermore.

**Amen.**

Throughout her life Ann supported various animal charities, especially those concerned to alleviate human cruelty or indifference. She was also devoted to her pets, the dogs Tunstall and Cuthbert, and the cats Carilef, Merkel and Magnus. So a prayer of St Basil the Great for all animals:

O God, enlarge within us a sense of fellowship with all living things, for whom you provided the earth as their home and not just for us alone. We remember with shame that in the past human beings have sometimes exercised the dominion you gave humanity with ruthless cruelty, so that the voice of the earth, which should have gone up to you in song, became instead a great groan of travail. May we learn to appreciate that the animals do not live for us alone but also for themselves and for you, and that they too love the sweetness of life. In Christ's name.

**Amen.**

A prayer for Ann and for us all, in words adapted from a sermon of the poet John Donne.

Bring Ann and us all, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling but one equal light; no noise nor silence but one equal music; no fears nor hopes but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings but one equal eternity, in the habitation of your majesty and glory, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.**

**We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.**

**We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story  
including all in circles of our love.**

*Words: June Boyce Tillman (b. 1943)*

*Tune: Londonderry Air*

## **Commendation and Blessing**

REMAIN STANDING

*The Bishop of Brechin*

O God,  
we commend to your love our sister Ann,  
giving thanks for all that she brought us.  
Though now taken from us,  
let her not be parted from you.  
May your servant, set free from the bondage of earth,  
be changed into your likeness, from glory to glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Ann, go forth upon your journey from this world,  
in the love of God the Father who created you,  
to find life in Christ who redeemed you,  
to rejoice in the Spirit who renews you.  
May the heavenly host sustain you  
and the company of the redeemed enfold you;  
may peace be yours this day,  
and the heavenly city your home.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May God give us  
consolation and peace,  
light and joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**