

## **Margaret Evans (1947-2022)**

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." For most of her life Margaret Evans did precisely that. In her father's church in Olathe, Kansas to the concert halls in New York and in between the many churches and even synagogues Margaret used her talents of voice and musical instruments to praise God. We here at Immaculate Conception were blessed to have her as our music director for 11 years. For 30 years she did the same at the parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus on West 51st Street. She taught in both schools, led choirs, taught voice and countless other things to bring joy into people's lives. She came to New York to make it big in the music world. Never did she abandon her Midwestern values. She was brash as though born in Manhattan but always her Christian values stood out. She was a strict teacher but her friendly smile, her friendliness and generosity was well known and appreciated by her many friends. Like Nelly, her suffering is over. These two women were paradigms of what it means to follow Christ. The worst part of being a Pastor is having to suffer the loss of friends. Like Margaret and Nelly, let their example of loving service, spur us on to continuously serve the Lord through his Church and we, like them, must never cease to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

Msgr. Kevin J. Nelan

In Loving Memory of

## ***Margaret Evans***

*November 20, 1947- June 22, 2022*



### **Funeral Mass**

Wednesday June 29, 2022 10AM

***Church of the Immaculate Conception***

414 East 14th Street

New York, New York 10009

## Processional Hymn

**Amazing Grace** - John Newton  
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
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!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

## Reading I

Wisdom 3:1-9

## Responsorial Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## Reading II

Romans 5:5-11

## Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25a, 26

## Gospel Reading

John 11:17-27

## Homily

Msgr. Kevin J. Nelan

## Offertory Hymn

**Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine** - Fanny J. Crosby

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heirs of salvation, children of God, Born of one Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain:*

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;  
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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

## Communion Song

**Lady of Knock** - Dana Rosemary Scallon

There were people of all ages gathered 'round the gable wall  
poor and humble men and women, little children that you called  
we are gathered here before you, and our hearts are just the same  
filled with joy at such a vision, as we praise Your Name

*Refrain:* Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland, all my cares and troubles cease  
as we kneel with love before you, Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace

Though your message was unspoken, still the truth in silence lies  
as we gaze upon your vision, and the truth I try to find  
here I stand with John the teacher, and with Joseph at your side  
and I see the Lamb of God, on the Altar glorified

## Recessional Hymn

**May The Road Rise Up** - Tom Kendzia

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.