

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elfrida Celine Colaco

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OGDEN FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
Scarborough, Ontario

CELEBRANT ~ FR. FERNANDO SERRANO



Order of the Service

OPENING HYMN - GENTLE WOMAN

EULOGY

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING - BRIAN PENNEY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - REESE DE SOUZA

SECOND READING - WESLEY DE SOUZA

GOSPEL - FR. FERNANDO SERRANO

HOMILY - FR. FERNANDO SERRANO

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - AVERY DE SOUZA

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CLOSING HYMN - HOW GREAT THOU ART

VIDEO TRIBUTE





Opening Hymn

GENTLE WOMAN

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death.

Amen.

Refrain:

Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;
you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.

Refrain

Eulogy

Michelle Colaco & Nicole DeSouza

Elfrida's daughters

First Reading

Brian Penney, Elfrida's son-in-law

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 25:6-9)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Reese DeSouza, Elfrida's grand-daughter

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
in verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name sake. R

.Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage. R

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. R

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come. R



Second Reading

Wesley DeSouza, Elfrida's son-in-law

A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor 5:6-10)

Brothers and sisters,

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25a,26

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
And whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
(John 14:1-6)**

Do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God and believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr. Fernando Serrano



Prayers of the Faithful

Avery DeSouza, Elfrida's grand-daughter

Response ~ Lord, hear our prayer

That Elfrida, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, may now share in the peace of seeing Christ face to face. We pray to the Lord

℣: Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christ may have mercy on her, forgive her sins and bring her to everlasting life. We pray to the Lord

℣: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the deceased family members and friends that Elfrida has now joined, that they may be reunited in their heavenly home. We pray to the Lord

℣: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of Elfrida's family and friends, here and abroad. Bring them comfort and consolation in their grief and give them the strength and grace to lean on Him in faith and prayer at this time of their loss. We pray to the Lord

℣: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist



Closing Hymn

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee.
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee.
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee.
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee.
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee.
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee.
How great thou art, how great thou art!





A Farewell to Mom

We're sending a dove to heaven
With a parcel on its wings
Be careful when you open it
It's full of beautiful things
Inside are a million kisses
Wrapped in a million hugs
To say how much we miss you
And to send you all our love
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our life
Until we meet again.

About Elfrida

Elfrida was born in Zanzibar, Tanzania where she and her 3 siblings were raised. She attended St. Joseph's Convent School. After her Senior Cambridge year, she left for Kampala, Uganda in 1959 where she completed a teacher training course at Shimoni Training College. She taught at Ithnasheri Primary School for 2 years. In 1963, she returned to Zanzibar and taught at the Aga Khan Primary School.

On February 20, 1965, she married Irineu Colaço and they lived in Dar es Salaam. In 1967, they moved to Mombasa, Kenya. Elfrida taught at the Bohra Primary School in Tudor, where they lived. They had two children: Michelle and Nicole. They lived a happy and relaxed life in East Africa.

In 1973, the family immigrated to Canada. Six months after immigrating, Elfrida was hired by the Toronto Central Library. She worked at the Toronto Reference Library for 31 years until she retired in 2004.

Elfrida loved the outdoors. She had a passion for gardening and took great pleasure in watching the birds come to her many bird feeders. She also was an avid reader. Elfrida celebrated many happy occasions throughout her lifetime. She was a loving, gentle woman who passed on sound values to her family and friends.

We will never forget her.

A Message from the Family

We would like to thank our many relatives and friends for your prayers, constant love and unwavering support during Elfrida's life. We are truly touched by your concern and good wishes.

Iru, Michelle, Brian, Nicole, Wesley, Avery and Reese