



Pope Pius XII said of Thérèse:  
"She is a word of God for our time." Her message of God's continuing love for us, no matter what is happening in our lives, and the call to each one of us to make love the motive of everything we do, is just what we need. Her

message is both inspiring and challenging. Therese continued to trust in God. She gave us a new determination for faith: it is not certainty, it is trusting.  
"God is not going to abandon me." she said,  
"He has never abandoned me." Each one of us will take away something different from this encounter with the relics of Thérèse Martin. The relics have led us to her. She leads us to God.

## RECEPTION OF THE RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



Friday September 18th 3:30pm

St Teresa's Church, Taunton

## RECEIVING THE RELICS

**At the door of the Church, Canon John makes the sign of the cross and welcomes the relics:**

We bless you lord for revealing the mysteries of your Kingdom to mere children. As we welcome these relics of little Thérèse to our church, we give thanks to God who gives us such witnesses to guide us along our pilgrim way:

*The relics are processed to the sanctuary as we all sing:*

A musical score for a song in G major. The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, D, Em, Am, D, G. The lyrics 'A - do - ra - mus te, Do - mi - ne.' are written below the staff, with a '(hum)' marking under the first 'A'.

### **Welcome and introduction from Canon John**

#### **Psalm: Sung response:**

Like a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you (x 2)

#### **Gospel reading:**

**Matthew 18 v 1-4** Unless you become as children

#### **Intercessions—sung response:**

Lord, listen to my prayer.

#### **Song ; My song of today**

( Music and adapted Words by Mike Stanley © CJM Music Ltd 2009)

1. O how I love thee Jesus; my soul aspires to thee;  
And yet for one day only this simple prayer I pray.  
Come reign within my heart. Smile tenderly on me,  
today dear Lord, today, today dear Lord, today.

2. What care I for tomorrow? whatever it may bring;  
Let not your love forsake me and worries have their way,  
but let my heart stay pure; enfold me in your wings  
today dear Lord, today, today dear Lord, today.

3. O sweetest star of Heaven, O Virgin spotless blest;  
Shining the light of Jesus guiding him my way.  
O Mother 'neath thy veil, let my tired spirit rest,  
For this brief passing day, for this brief passing day.

4. Soon shall I fly away to praise you my desire;  
Then shall be mine the joy that never knows decay,  
And then my lips shall sing with Heavn's angelic choirs  
The eternal glad today, the eternal glad today.

### **Our Father—spoken**

#### **Final prayer**

#### **Recessional hymn**

1. For all the saints who showed your love  
in how they lived and where they moved  
for mindful women, caring men  
accept our gratitude again.
2. For all the saints who loved your name  
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,  
who sang your songs and shared your word,  
accept our gratitude good Lord.
3. For all the saints who named your will,  
and saw your kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.
4. Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above'  
though unacquainted by earthly powers  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

