

We gather to remember,
to give thanks, and to celebrate



RAEY LESLEY WILSON

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Forever in our hearts



ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday, 26 June 2026, 12pm

Centenary Memorial Gardens, Sumner

Officiant — Father Jan Bialasiewicz

Entrance Hymn — *Amazing Grace* (Andrea Bocelli & Alison Krauss)

Fr: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

Fr: Grace to you and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Sprinkling of the Coffin with Holy Water

Words of Remembrance/Eulogy

Melissa/Alex

Collect

Father Jan

Fr: O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of Your servant Raey, whom You have called out of this world; and because she put her hope and trust in You, command that she be carried safely to Heaven to enjoy Your eternal reward. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Ruth (1:16-17)

Dan

Wherever you go, I will go.
Wherever you live, I will live.
Your people shall be my people,
and your God will be my God too.
Wherever you die, I shall die
and there be buried beside you.
May Yahweh see that this be done,
so that death will never come between us.
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm — *The Lord is my Shepherd*

Psalm 22

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

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where He gives me repose.
Near restful waters He leads me
to revive my drooping spirit. *Response.*

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with Your crook and Your staff;
with these You give me comfort. *Response.*

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head You have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *Response.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *Response.*

Gospel Acclamation

*All: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die forever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

*Fr: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.*

*Fr: John 16:20-22
Jesus said:
"A woman in childbirth suffers because her time has come but
when she gives birth to the child she forgets the suffering in her joy
that a human being has been born into the world.
So it is with you: you are sad now, but I will see you again, and your
hearts will be full of joy,
and that joy no one shall take from you.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!"*

Homily

Father Jan

Prayers of the Faithful

Oliver

*Fr: We are made in the image and likeness of God.
As trusting people we pray to our merciful God.*

*We pray for Raey that God will reward her with peace, for
the good she did during her life and the joy she brought others.
Lord, hear us.
All: Lord hear our prayer.*

*We pray for those who grieve the loss of Raey, that they may be
comforted by the knowledge that the Lord will take care of her.
Lord, hear us.
All: Lord hear our prayer.*

*We pray for all those who are sick. May the Lord fill them with
courage and give them strength. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord hear our prayer.*

For our deceased relatives and friends: that God may bring them into the light of His presence and grant them an everlasting home in the Kingdom of Heaven. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr: Father, into Your hands we commend the soul of Raey. Look gently upon her and bring her home to Your Kingdom where death will be no more. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Our Father...

Prayer of Commendation

Fr: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Raey, may our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day, we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Song of Farewell

Saints of God, come to her aid!
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Raey may Christ, who called you, take you to Himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Photographic Tribute

Alex

FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr: Into Your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Raey in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day.

We give You thanks for the blessings which You bestowed upon Raey in this life: they are signs to us of Your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers; open the gates of Paradise to Your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with You for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr: In peace, let us take our sister Raey to her place of rest.

Fr: May the angels lead you into Paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the Holy City,
the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Recessional Song — *Take Me Home Country Roads (John Denver)*



Sincere Thanks

Raey's family thank you for your love and support,
and for your presence with them here today.

After the service, please join them in sharing memories
and refreshments in the lounge adjacent to the Chapel.