

Celebrating the
life of

Alexandre Arékion

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Saint Christopher Cathedral, Canberra

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ORDER OF SERVICE



Opening Hymn

O Seigneur je viens vers toi

Greeting

Fr lokimi May the Father of mercies, the God of all
consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Sprinkling rite and placing of Christian symbols

Karine Morin

Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

Jane Melanie
Friends

Slideshow

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the word

First Reading

Marie-Line Labour

A reading from the book of Wisdom (4:7-15)

But the righteous, though they die early, will be at rest.

For old age is not honoured for length of time,

or measured by number of years;

but understanding is grey hair for anyone,

and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him,

and while living among sinners were taken up.

They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding
or ~~quill~~ ^{quill} deceive their souls.

For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good,



and roving desire perverts the innocent mind.
Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years;
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.
Yet the peoples saw and did not understand,
or take such a thing to heart,
that God's grace and mercy are with his elect,
and that he watches over his holy ones.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd (Crimond) *Sung*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.



Gospel Acclamation

(Stand)

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed be God, a gentle Father
and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in all our sorrows
Alleluia!

Gospel

Fr. lokimi: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Fr lokimi: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
(15:3-7)

So he told them this parable:

“Which one of you,
having a hundred sheep and losing one of them,
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and
go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
And when he comes home,
he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them,
‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’
Just so, I tell you,
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner
who repents than over ninety-nine righteous
persons who need no repentance.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Fr lokimi: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(Sit)

Prayers of intercession

(Stand)

Fr lokimi: Let us place before our God our prayers and needs, confident that our God knows the sorrow of our hearts:

Bianca Raffault: For Alexandre who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, may he be taken up into the halls of heaven where the saints and angels will welcome him into God's presence. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cindi Stainlas: For Alexandre's family that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bianca Raffault: For Alexandre's friends, may they be consoled in their grief. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cindi Stainlas: For those who have supported us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

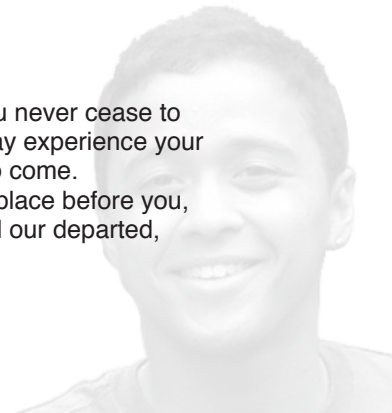
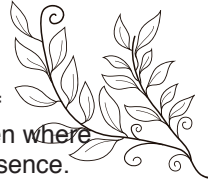
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bianca Raffault: That all of us gathered here today keep our eyes fixed on the things of lasting value. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr lokimi: God of all compassion and mercy, you never cease to listen to our prayers, grant that we may experience your peace in this world and in the world to come. Listen to our prayers that we humbly place before you, hear our prayers for Alexandre and all our departed, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of gifts

The god parents, Viv and Christine

Offertory Hymn

Ave Maria

Invitation to Prayer

Fr lokimi: Pray, sisters and brothers that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name, for
our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Sanctus Preface

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

Fr lokimi: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr lokimi: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.

Fr lokimi: It is truly right and just....



Sanctus

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Kneel)



Memorial Acclamation

Fr lokimi: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

The Lord's prayer

Fr lokimi: At the Saviour's command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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.

Fr lokimi: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.



Communion Rite

Fraction Rite

Lamb of God

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.

Communion Song

Final Commendation

Fr lokimi: Before we go our separate ways, let us take
leave of our brother Alexandre. May our farewell
express our affection for him; may it ease our
sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall

joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ,
which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

All: Amen.

Songs of Farewell

Fr lokimi: Saints of God, come to Alexandre's aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

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

Fr lokimi: May Christ who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

Fr lokimi: Give Alexandre eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on him for ever.



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

Prayer of Commendation

Fr Iokimi: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Alexandre in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Alexandre 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 and with our brother for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



All: Amen!

Procession to the place of committal

Fr Iokimi: In peace let us take our brother Alexandre, to his place of rest.

Recessional

Ta main - Gregoire





A wake will be held after this ceremony at:
Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club
110 Gundaroo Dr, Nicholls ACT 2913

Death is Nothing

by St. Augustine

"I have just moved to the neighboring room.
I am who I am ... you are whom you are,
That which we were to one another,
We will always be.
Call me by my name.
Speak to me like you've always did.
Don't use a different tone ...
Don't take that look; solemn or sad.
Continue to laugh at that which made us laugh together.
Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be pronounced at home,
As it always was,
Without pomposity or gloom.
Life is still the same,
It is what it always was
The string has not been cut.
Why should I be away from your thoughts?
Just because I am away from your sight?
I am not far, just on the other side of the road..
You see, every thing is fine ...
Wipe your tears and cry no more.

If you love me ..."

