



AT THE GRAVESIDE

We gather together united in love.
We remember those who are not here who also treasured Dorothy.
This kinship strengthens us.
We join with the Holy One who holds us
close with compassionate care.
Creator of life, we have come to return to earth
the physical remains of Dorothy.
You lovingly shared her with us.
During those years we cherished her presence,
imbibed her goodness and grew strong in her love.
We stand here now in the reality of death.
We come to give back the preciousness of this body.
It is time to let go, to allow this part of the person we knew
to become one with all that is.
May the Spirit who breathed on the waters in the beginning of life
and who breathed life into her mother's womb,
receive the earthen treasure whom we experienced
as a beloved presence in our life.

*Prayers for Burial, paraphrased from
Joyce Rupp's **Prayer Seeds***

RITE OF COMMITTAL
SISTER DOROTHY SIMPSON, SNJM
SISTER M. CATHERINE REGINA

BORN
FEBRUARY 18, 1930

ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

HOLY SEPULCHRE CATHOLIC CEMETERY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019



OPENING PRAYER

God is my light,
the light that saves and frees!
I seek only one thing: to live out my life in God's presence.
I will come to know your beauty
in the life that comes after death.
I hope in you,
I will wait for you,
I will rest in you.

AMEN

adapted from Psalm 27, David Haas

We acknowledge Christ the Lord through whom we hope that our lowly
bodies will be made like his in glory, and we say:

Response (ALL): LORD, YOU ARE OUR LIFE AND RESURRECTION.

Christ, Son of the living God, who raised up Lazarus, your friend, from
the dead, raise up Dorothy to life and glory and all the dead whom you
have redeemed by your precious blood,

LORD, YOU ARE OUR LIFE AND RESURRECTION.

Christ, consoler of those who mourn, you dried the tears of the family
of Lazarus, of the widow's son, and the daughter of Jairus, comfort
those who mourn for Dorothy and for all the dead.

LORD, YOU ARE OUR LIFE AND RESURRECTION.

Christ, Redeemer, look on those who have no hope because they do not know you, may they receive faith in the resurrection and in the life of the world to come.

LORD, YOU ARE OUR LIFE AND RESURRECTION.

When at last our earthly home is dissolved, give us a home, not of earthly making, but built of eternity in heaven.

LORD, YOU ARE OUR LIFE AND RESURRECTION.

Shorter Christian Prayer

And let us close with the words which Jesus taught us: **OUR FATHER**

SHARING REMEMBRANCES OF SISTER DOROTHY

PRESIDER

Thank you for sharing your memories of Sister Dorothy. Let us take a moment now to thank God for blessing our lives with her. In her life, we recognize the signs of your goodness and your tender love, which strengthen us on our journey towards You.

BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

We bless Sister Dorothy with Holy Water which she first received at her Baptism. We now use it to send her forth to our God.

ALL

Sing everywhere!
Sing of the wonder of God!

Sing new songs to God; everybody sing
Never stop singing of God's many blessings!

Everyday, move to the rhythm of salvation,
and share it with everyone!

Give to our God our deepest energy
in proclaiming this wonderful news;
our God deserves our praise!

Praise God and blanket our joy with the best!
Be open to the power of God; give thanks to the name of names.

Sing everywhere!
Sing of the wonder of God!

adapted from Psalm 96, David Haas



**I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR
MY RELIGIOUS VOCATION AND
MY COMMITMENT TO THE
SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES
OF JESUS AND MARY.**

Sister Dorothy Simpson