

*She Is Gone*

*You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love  
and go on.*

by David Harkins



*A Celebration of the Life and Service of*

**M. JODI RELL**

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A Woman of Grace,  
Strength and Character

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Hartford, Connecticut

## *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!*

*The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

PROCESSIONAL: *Amazing Grace*

OPENING PRAYER  
*Msgr. James A. Shanley  
Vicar General / Moderator of the Curia, Archdiocese of Hartford*

FIRST READING: *Wisdom 3:1-9* *Matt O'Connor*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 23*

SECOND READING: *2 Timothy 4:6-8* *Madeline Rell*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-16* *Very Rev. John P. Melnick  
Rector, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS  
*Rev. Jennifer Whipple  
Rev. Bryn Smallwood-Garcia  
Pastors, The Congregational Church of Brookfield*

HYMN: *Prayer of Saint Francis*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER  
*Liz Kurantowicz  
Maura Rell*

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
*Rev. Michael J. Dolan  
Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Timothy Parish*

EULOGIES  
*Governor Ned Lamont  
Ray Dunaway  
Michael Rell  
Meredith O'Connor*

ANTHEM: *You'll Never Walk Alone*

FINAL COMMENDATION  
*Msgr. James A. Shanley  
Vicar General / Moderator of the Curia, Archdiocese of Hartford*

ANTHEM: *America the Beautiful*

RECESSIONAL: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*