

We are here this morning to honor the memory of Claire C. Budry ... wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was born in 1920 ... in a world, like our own, very sure of itself ... but a world very subject to change.

That year, Babe Ruth was traded to the Boston Red Sox for the enormous sum of \$125,000 ... the most that a baseball player had ever been paid up to that time.

The New York Times ridiculed rocket scientist Robert Goddard for his insane notion that humanity would one day stand on the moon.

Prohibition was established in the United States with the passing of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution.

The US Senate voted against having America join the League of Nations.

At the Olympic Games in Antwerp, Belgium - the now-familiar Olympic flag with five inter-locking rings is shown for the first time.

South of the Border, the Mexican Revolution was in full swing.

In Rome, St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict ... the fifteenth.

The US Post Office officially ruled that children ... children may not be sent via parcel post.

The 19th Amendment to the Constitution passed later that year, granting women the right to vote.

The National Football League was established.

Republican candidate Warren G. Harding is elected president.

Indeed, for us who remain, life goes on. For Claire, life is changed - not over. The relationships formed in this life do not end with death ... rather, we are bound by love for all time.

On this, the final leg of her journey into eternity, we accompany her with our prayers.

And so as we continue this liturgy, let us pray for her ... that she may rush into the arms of her loving Savior ... and begin life anew in the Kingdom of God.

Eternal rest ...