

**A Service of Thanksgiving for  
Jessica Elinor Blackman**



**28 July 1966 – 18 February 2021**

**Saint James' Anglican Church, Point Lonsdale  
26 February 2021, 11.00am**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Song *Bridge Over Troubled Water* Simon & Garfunkel

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Sentence*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Psalm 130.1

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life.**

**May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,**

**and fill us with compassion, one for another.**

**In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.**

**Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HONOURING AND REMEMBERING

Eulogy Matt Spencer

Lighting of Candles

*Main Theme from Out of Africa* John Barry

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Reading From the Gospel of John (14:1-6)

*After the reading:*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## THE PRAYERS

*After each prayer is said:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are  
yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **THE FAREWELL**

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Jessica  
by water and the Spirit.

Grant that her death may recall to us your victory  
over death, and be an occasion for us  
to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow  
where you have led the way,  
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
to the ages of ages.

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us entrust our sister Jessica to the mercy of God.

*Silence*

**Holy and loving Father,  
by your mighty power you gave us life,  
and in your love you have given us new life in  
Christ Jesus.**

**We entrust Jessica to your merciful keeping:  
in the faith of Jesus Christ,  
who died and rose again to save us,  
and now lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.**

### **THE COMMITTAL**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you have given us a sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life.  
In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.  
We here commit the body of our dear sister Jessica  
to be cremated  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,  
and who shall change our mortal body  
that it may be like his glorious body.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Song     *Coming Around Again*     Carly Simon

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