

A Service of Thanksgiving for

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Saint James' Anglican Church, Point Lonsdale, Victoria, Australia
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn Amazing grace

1. 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.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Sentence

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.

'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'

John 11.25

**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

Beryl Stagg

Lighting of Candles

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3.1-6, 9)

The souls of the upright are in the hands of God, and no torment can touch them. To the unenlightened, they appeared to die, their departure was regarded as disaster, their leaving us like annihilation; but they are at peace.

If, as it seemed to us, they suffered punishment, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their correction, great will their blessings be. God was putting them to the test and has proved them worthy to be with him.

He has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a perfect burnt offering.

Those who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await his holy ones, and he intervenes on behalf of his chosen.

After the reading:

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *The Lord's my Shepherd (sung)*

1. 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.

2. My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

A reading from the Gospel of John (*John 14:1-6*)

Jesus said; 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

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Homily

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

After each prayer is said:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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 today 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.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE FAREWELL

Hymn Abide with me

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Prayer of Commendation

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Dorothy 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 Dorothy 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 Dorothy 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.**

In paradisum

Saints of God, come to her aid!

Come to meet her, angels of the Lord!

R. Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

R. Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Give her eternal rest, O Lord,

and your light shine on her for ever.

R. Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

Hymn How great thou art

AT THE GRAVESIDE

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And also with you.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

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 Dorothy

to be buried in the ground,

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.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

The Blessing

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



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