

**A Service of Thanksgiving for
Gudrun Kirsten Mowlem**



26 March 1926 – 15 December 2021

Saint James' Anglican Church, Point Lonsdale, Victoria, Australia

29/12/2021

2.00PM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music –Largo from the opera 'Xerxes' by George Frideric Handel

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Eulogies

Howard

Fr Peter (for Bodil)

Lighting of Candles

Excerpt from 'Four Seasons' by
Antonio Vivaldi

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

After each reading:

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

First Reading

Sirach 2.1-9

Rebecca

Gospel

Luke 12.20-31

Nicola

Homily

Fr Peter

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 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

Hymn Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart —
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.
5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

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

Hymn Praise my soul the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!
4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!
5. Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!



Kirsten leaving Denmark on her journey to Australia





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