

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 strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, 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 now 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.**

Henry Francis Lyte (1847)

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND
REMEMBRANCE FOR**

Mrs Mary Curtis

6/6/1921-23/8/2017

Mr John Dart

29/7/1929-25/8/2017

Ms Frediswenda Doenson

7/9/1940-15/8/2017

Mr Carlo Marchi

26/10/1923-27/8/2017

Mr Gary Sherman

27/8/1947-24/8/2017

Mrs Valma Simmons

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Mrs Betty Walch

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Mr John Walker

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**Thursday 19th October 2017
St. John's Village Chapel**

OFFICIATING:

**The Right Rev'd John Parkes AM, Bishop of Wangaratta
The Venerable Canon Alan Jarrad, Chaplain, St. John's Village**

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OPENING HYMN

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

- 1 **O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**
- 2 **Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**
- 3 **Before the hills in order stood
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou are God,
to endless years the same.**
- 4 **A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**
- 5 **Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**
- 6 **O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!**

Isaac Watts (1719)

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME

BISHOP JOHN PARKES

FINAL PRAYERS AND THE BLESSING

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Gary Sherman, Betty Walch, Carlo Marchi, John Walker,
John Dart, Frediswenda Doenson, Valma Simmons and Mary Curtis
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 BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

God of all mercy, giver of all comfort:
look graciously, we pray, on those who mourn.
Casting all their cares on you,
may they know the consolation of your love
Be close to them in their loss. And
increase their faith in your undying love.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Show your mercy to the dying.
Sustain them with hope,
and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants
in every age.
May we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ,
be brought to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

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 this day 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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
As we remember before you our dear brothers and sisters,
so we ask your help for all who have gathered in their memory,
Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace,
by the Spirit you have given us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

The candle

Light immortal,
you brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
May we, with all the baptised,
know the full light of your risen presence. **Amen.**

Water

In the waters of baptism we died with Christ,
and began to walk in newness of life.
May we, with all the baptised,
be brought to the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

The scriptures

In life we are nourished by the word of God.
May Christ greet us, with all the faithful departed, saying:
Come, blessed of my Father! **Amen.**

The cross

Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sins on the cross.
May this cross be a sign to us of your love for all people
and the forgiveness of our sins. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 21: 1-7

A reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine, chapter 21,
beginning at the first verse.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

THE LORDS' MY SHEPHERD

- 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,
e'en for his own name's sake.**
- 3 **Yea, though I walk through 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.**

Scottish Psalter, 1650.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14: 1-6

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 14,
beginning at the first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

Bishop John Parkes

THE PRAYERS

We thank you, Father,
that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us.
We thank you that you raised him from the dead.
We thank you for the gift of life.
Bring us, with all your faithful people,
to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.