

In loving memory of

Margaret Wood

19 November 1933—18 February 2023



*St Luke's Church, Ekibin
Thursday 2nd March at 10am*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn.

Hymn: The Lord is my shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

*I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.*

*The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

*I want to go to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.*

*The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

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A welcome is offered by the Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson.

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

(Response) And also with you.

Sentences of scripture.

'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

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Let us pray.

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit **f**low through us,
and **f**ill 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.

Please be seated.

EULOGIES AND TRIBUTES

Eulogy: Trevor Wood

Photographic tribute.

James Last Orchestra - Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Gospel of John read by Maxine McElnea

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.

John 14:1-6

Hear the Word of the Lord:

(Response) Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn.

Hymn: Holy and gracious God

Holy and gracious God, we bring
praise and thanksgiving as we sing:

alleluia, alleluia!

Your love has brought us to this day,

your faithfulness still lights our way.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Through all our years of work and prayer,
in all the ministry we share,

alleluia, alleluia!

Led by your Spirit, we have found
our common purpose, common ground.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

You called us, chose us for your own,
sent us to make your goodness known,

alleluia, alleluia!

Now we take up this call anew,
loving our neighbours, loving you.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Deepen our confidence in prayer,
give new compassion in our care.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Fill us, so we may help to feed
all who are hungry or in need.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

Gladly we praise you, loving God,
gladly receive your living Word,

alleluia, alleluia!

Your Holy Spirit, too, we bless,
one God in grace and holiness.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are offered by the minister, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, said together:

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 PRAYER OF FAREWELL

Please stand as you are able.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Margaret
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. Amen.

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

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 Margaret 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 Margaret to be cremated
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.

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

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen

Go in peace in the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters **flow**:
let the **fiery**, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-91)

*Music as the coffin is carried to the hearse:
Bach/Virgil Fox: "Now Thank We All Our God"
(West Point Cadet Chapel Organ)*

*Please join us in the Upper Hall for morning tea
to continue to share memories of Margaret*



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