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DEREK VERNON NORTON

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ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ARMIDALE
2PM WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY 2021.

Welcome & Prayer: Rev. David Seaman

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
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.
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.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod, And staff me comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished, In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life, shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore, my dwelling place shall be.

Bible Reading: John 14:25-32 *read by Sandra*

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate,
the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you all things and will remind you of everything
I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am
coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the
Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not say much more to you,
for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me,
but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father
and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.
"Come now; let us leave.

Poem Reading: "You never said I'm leaving" read by Frances

You never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it, and only God knew why.
A million times I needed you, a million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still.
In our hearts I hold a place, that only you can fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
as part of me went with you, the day God took you home.

Eulogy: Derek's Grandchildren

Prayer

Ministers Message: Rev. David Seaman

Prayer

Hymn: Amazing Grace

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
T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home
The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
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.

Benediction

Recessional Music: Piper

Margaret, Sandra, Frances and families would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and your expressions of sympathy and support.



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