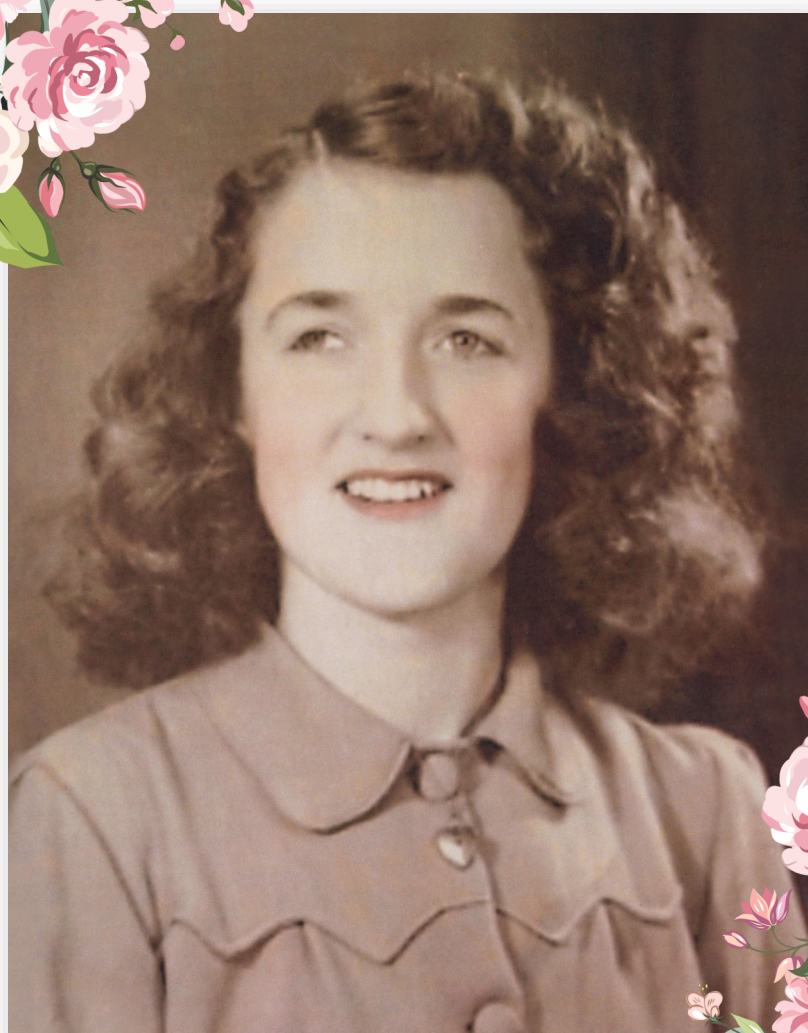


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*Lorna Bessie Wilcox*

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SAINT MARY'S WEST ARMIDALE ANGLICAN CHURCH

10AM THURSDAY, 20TH MAY 2021

## INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

*Rev. John Costin*

### PSALM 23

*read by Jenny Hensen*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### I CORINTHIANS 15:1-8, 17-22, 50-58

*read by Rev. John Costin*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality,

then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?”

“O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

## 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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath 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.

## EULOGY

*Michael Hooker*

## TRIBUTES

*Betty Wilcox, Lorna's daughter*

*Sally Keogh, Andrew Wilcox, Amalee Hetharia and Rebecca Wilcox, Lorna's grandchildren*

## PRAYERS

*Rev. John Costin*

## LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever and ever. Amen

## CLOSING PRAYER

## RECESSIONAL

*Panpipes – The Last Farewell*



*The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and your expressions of sympathy and support. Thank you to those who have travelled long distances. The family warmly invite you to share light refreshments at the Armidale Bowling Club following the service.*



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