

Rite of Christian Burial

Desmond Keith Latham

14th December 1926 - 18th September 2021



“Des”

Saints Mary and Joseph Cathedral, Armidale
10.30am Tuesday, 28th September 2021

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN- "Amazing Grace" David Parkes

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.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
'Twas 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.

GREETINGS

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER AND PLACING OF PALL AND SYMBOLS

In the waters of baptism,
Des died with Christ and rose with him to new life.
May he now share with him eternal glory.

OPENING PRAYER

God of faithfulness, in your wisdom you have called your Servant Des out of this world; released him from the bonds of sin, and welcome him into your presence, so that he may enjoy eternal light and peace and be raised up in glory with all your saints. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES (3:1-11)

Read by Margaret Latham

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:
A time for giving birth, a time for dying;
a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.
A time for killing, a time for healing;
a time for knocking down, a time for building.
A time for tears, a time for laughter;
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.
A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.
A time for searching, a time for losing;
a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.
A time for tearing, a time for sewing;
a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.
A time for loving, a time for hating;
a time for war, a time for peace.

What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at. All that he does is apt for its time; but though he has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 23 “The Lord’s My Shepherd” Crimond

Sung by Sarah Adney

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 through death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God’s house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS (3:20-21)

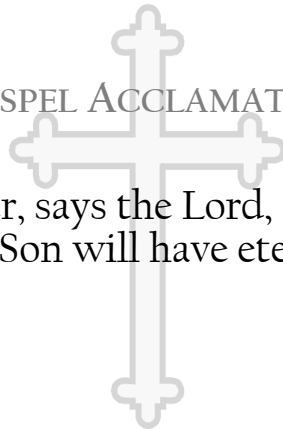
Read by David Latham

For us, our homeland is in heaven and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
That all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to
life again on the last day.
Alleluia



GOSPEL READING- JOHN (14:1-6)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

All to be seated



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Read by Family Group Members

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

For Des, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that he may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

That all of us, Des' family and friends, may be comforted in our grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will look upon Des' family and friends who gather around him today.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life especially *Jean, Peter, Frankie, Jack, Philip and Eileen*.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For the doctors, nurses, and carers especially at Autumn Lodge who cared for Des, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in our hearts, peace in our families, and peace in the world.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord God,
giver of peace and healer of souls,
hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
and the voices of your people,
whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.
Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ
and grant them a place in the kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE 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.

COMMUNION HYMN- "I Am the Bread of Life" Suzanne Toolan

I am the Bread of Life
You who come to me shall not hunger;
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

*And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up, on the last day!*

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And if you eat of this bread
You shall live forever, you shall live forever!

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life
If you believe in me even though you die,
You shall live forever.

Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ
The Son of God
Who has come into the world.



REFLECTION SONG- "Panis Angelicus"
Sung at the wedding of Des & Jean in 1954

Mirusia
Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum
O res mirabilis
Manducat dominum
Pauper, pauper
Servus et humilis
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
we have received the pledge of eternal life.
Hear the prayers we offer for Des.
Freed from the limitations of this life,
may he be one with all the redeemed
in the joy of eternal life. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Read by Stephen Latham

HYMN- "Ave Maria" Franz Schubert

Ave Maria Gratia plena
Maria Gratia plena
Ave, ave dominus
Dominus tecum

Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui
Ventris tui Jesus

Ave Maria
Ave Maria Mater dei
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Ora, ora pro nobis
Ora ora pro nobis peccatoribus

Nunc et in hora mortis
In hora mortis, mortis nostrae
In hora mortis nostrae
Ave Maria!

FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Des
May our farewell express our affection for him;
may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.
One day, we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of
Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.



SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

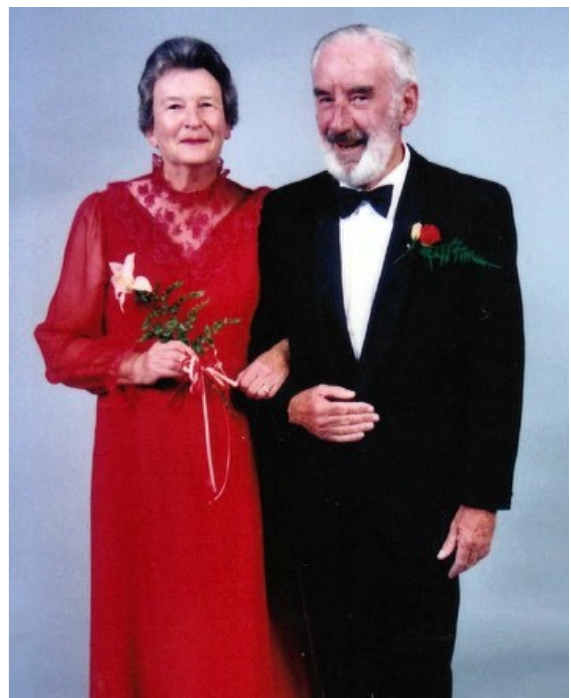
Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend Des in the sure and certain hope
that, together with all who have died in Christ,
he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings
which you bestowed upon him in this life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord,
turn toward us and listen to our prayers
open the gates of paradise and help us who remain
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ and are with you
and with our brother Des forever.



RECESSIONAL HYMN- "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K Hine

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall feel my heart;
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: my God, how great thou art!

NUNC DIMITTIS

At last, all powerful Master,
You give leave to your servant
To go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
Which you have prepared for all nations.
The light to enlighten the Gentiles
And give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.



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Brighton-le-Sands branch, circa 1950

PSALM 129 DE PROFUNDIS

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.



*The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts,
prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support.*



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