

## **OPENING HYMN** Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side. Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me Blessed, blessed are you.

Bob Dufford

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

### GREETINGS

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

**Priest:** The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

## SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN

### PLACING OF THE PALL AND OTHER SYMBOLS Maree's Grandchildren

**Priest:** In the waters of baptism, Maree died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.



### **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery, Maree, who has gone to her rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM (WIS. 3:1-9) Read by Gemma Milliken

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God; no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a sacrificial offering. They who trust in him will understand the truth; those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23 Sung by Alan Wilkinson

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,

to revive my drooping spirit. R

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R** 

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R

#### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (13:1-8) Read by Margie Crockett

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord: inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Alleluia

## A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

## HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (JN 14:1-6)

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. **Response:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## HOMILY

## **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**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:

**Dominic Rice :** For Maree, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that she 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.

Jacinta Rice: For Maree's family and friends, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.

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

Joshua Turner: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

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

**Isabel Rawlings:** That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life especially Don, Dominic, Ken, and Philomena.

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

Luke Rice: For all the doctors and nurses who cared for Maree, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

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

Teresa Turner: Dear God, we thank you for Maree's life and the example she was for us.

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

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS Kim Drady & Lisa Brailsford

OFFERTORY HYMN Ave Maria Sung by Sarah Adeney

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 pecatoribus Ora, ora pro nobis Ora ora pro nobis

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

#### 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. Amen.



### COMMUNION HYMN Come As You Are

Come as you are that's how I want you Come as you are feel quite at home Close to my heart loved and forgiven Come as you are why stand alone?

No need to fear love sets no limits No need to fear love never ends Don't run away shamed and disheartened Rest in my love trust me again.

I came to call sinners not just the virtuous I came to bring peace not to condemn Each time you fail to live by my promise Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are that's how I love you Come as you are trust me again Nothing can change the love that I bear you All will be well just come as you are. Deirdre Brown



## COMMUNION HYMN On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in his shadow for life Say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust.'

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun And hold you in the palm of his hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you And famine will bring you no fear Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield

You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day

Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command To guard you in all of your ways Upon their hands they will bear you up Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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# **REFLECTION MUSIC** How Great Thou Art Instrumental version played on flute by Janine Turner

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

### WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Rebekah Rawlings, Bianca Rice & Janine Turner

# FINAL COMMENDATION

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

## Song of Farewell

Saints of God come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

**R**. Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon her. R



### PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Maree in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessing which you bestowed upon her 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 Maree forever.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Galilee Song

Deep within my heart, I feel voices whispering to me. Words that I can't understand; Meanings I can't clearly hear! Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind! Calling me to walking into evening shadows one more time!

### So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores! Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord!

In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain! And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind, To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry!

As I gaze into the night down the future of my years, I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know! But I feel my spirit called like a stirring deep within, Restless, 'til I live again beyond the fears that close me in!



Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones; oh so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder how I am so calmly trod the valley of the shade? Oh, but Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade.

And he came himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still; Try to look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remains, you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, he will gently call you home; Oh, the rapture of that meeting, oh, the joy to see you come!



Maree's family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support. They warmly invite you to share light refreshments at the Armidale City Bowling Club from 4.30pm.



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