### Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

# Margaret Cross

24th October 1929 - 7th August 2022



St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Walcha 10.30am Thursday, 11th August 2022

### WELCOME & PRAYER Rev. David M Seaman

### HYMN ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## BIBLE READING 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 Read by Cheryl Cross

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 dishonor 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. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

### TRIBUTE Tim Cross

### PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and for ever.
Amen.

### MINISTER'S MESSAGE Rev. David M Seaman

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#### HYMN THE LORDS MY SHEPHERD

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, tho' 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 forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

BENEDICTION Rev. David M Seaman





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.

The family warmly invite you to share light refreshments at the Walcha Bowling Club following the interment at Walcha Cemetery.

