

A Celebration of the Life
of
Robert Sturdee McDiarmid



2 February 1915 ~ 1 December 2011

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Ringwood

Friday 9 December 2011
11.00 am

Greeting:

Minister: Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Sentence:

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.'

John 11: 25

Prayer:

All present are invited to join in the following prayer:

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.

May your life-giving Spirit flow through us.

Grant us your compassion, one for another.

In our sorrow, give us the calm of your peace.

Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eulogies

Hymn:

'The Lord's 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,

Even 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 furnishèd
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.

The Bible Reading:

John 14: 1-7

Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

Time of Reflection

Prayers for Thanksgiving for the life of Bob

Prayers for those who mourn

The Lord's Prayer:

All join in saying 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.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Farewell:

Minister: Let us entrust Bob to the mercy of God.

All: Heavenly Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.

We entrust Bob to your merciful keeping: in the faith of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to save us, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to Bob by the Holy Spirit. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love.
Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way, to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Minister: Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

All: For they rest from their labours.

Minister: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ. We here commit the body of our dear brother Bob to be cremated, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal bodies that it may be like his glorious body.

All: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep us from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, and power and authority, before all time and now and for ever. *Jude 24-25*

All: Amen.

Minister: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and comfort you now and always.

All: Amen.

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.

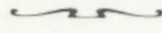
Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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A Masonic Funeral Service will be conducted following this service. Those who wish to take part please follow the casket out of the church.

The family wish to thank you most sincerely
for your attendance here today.
Your expressions of sympathy and support
have been a great comfort to us at this time.

Following the service, you are
warmly invited to remain and join the family
for light refreshments.



Bob will be cremated at a private service
at Lilydale later today.



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