



*Victorian Mounted Rifles
Centenary Church Parade*

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Benalla
Sunday 4th August, 1985

1100 Hrs

Officer Commanding:	Maj. I.R. Docking
Rector Holy Trinity:	Rev. R. McInnes
Anglican Chaplain:	Rev. D. Lamont
Catholic Chaplain:	Fr. L. Ring
Organist:	Rev. A. Farrell
Trumpeter:	Mr A. Hawker

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Entrance of Clergy

(all stand until the clergy are in position)

Call to worship

Rev. R. McInnes

IN THE NAME OF GOD, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

We are met together in the presence of God, our Heavenly Father, to give thanks and to celebrate 100 years of Service since the formation of the Victorian Mounted Rifles. We remember with thanksgiving those who gave their lives in the supreme sacrifice on active service for their country and we remember those members who have passed away from this temporal world into the realms of eternity.

To this end I call upon members present and the whole congregation here present to offer humble prayer to Almighty God, that He would pour down His grace upon all who serve our nation through the Defence Services and especially this Squadron, and that He will inspire the members of the Squadron to carry out with devotion the high aims for which the Victorian Mounted Rifles was formed 100 years ago.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: WHO HAS MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH

Psalm 95

(all seated)

LEADER:

O COME, let us sing to the Lord:
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

ALL:

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

LEADER:

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

ALL:

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

LEADER:

The sea is his, for he made it
for his hands formed the dry land.

ALL:

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

LEADER:

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would hearken to his voice!

ALL:

Harden not your hearts, as at Mer'ibah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

LEADER:

when your fathers tested me,
and put me to the proof; though they had
seen my work.

ALL:

For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who err in heart,
and they do not regard my ways."

LEADER:

Therefore I swore in my anger
that they should not enter my rest.

Hymn

(all standing)

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a wreck like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my ears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, this word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Old Testament Reading

(All seated)

Psalm 35: 1-9, 26-28

Reader: L/Cpl N. Morris

Hymn (all standing)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most gracious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as night,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changest thee.

New Testament Reading

(all seated)

St John 6: 24-35

Reader Sgt. D. Reynolds

Te Deum

All stand

ALL:

We praise you O God:
we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

All creation worships you:
the Father everlasting

To you all angels cry aloud:
with all the powers of heaven.

Cherubim and Seraphim:
ever sing in endless praise,

Holy holy holy Lord God of power and might:
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you:
the goodly fellowship of prophets praise you.

The noble army of martyrs praise you:
through all the world your holy Church acclaims you.
Father of majesty unbounded:

your true and only Son and the Holy Spirit advocate and guide.

You Lord Christ are the King of glory:
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free:
you did not disdain the virgin's womb.

When you overcame the sting of death:
you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory:
we believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then Lord and help your people:
bought with the price of your own blood;

and bring us with your saints:
to glory everlasting.

The Lord's Prayer

(All remain standing as the Lord's Prayer is sung by
Mr R. Fraser, a former member of the Unit)

Prayers

LEADER: Please be seated and bow your heads for prayer. Those who wish to may kneel.

Intercession

Chaplain Rev. David Lamont

Hymn

(all standing)

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, upon thy Guide
Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

(During the singing of this hymn a collection will be taken for donation to Legacy)

The Address

(all seated)

The Reverend Fr. Roy McInnes

Hymn (all stand)

Rudyard Kipling

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine —
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart:
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls not thee to guard,
For frantic boast and foolish word —
Thy mercy on thy people, Lord!

The Last Post (remain standing)

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.”

CHAPLAIN:

ALL:

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

One minute silence

The Rouse

CHAPLAIN: May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

ALL: AND RISE IN GLORY

The National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Benediction

LEADER:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

ALL:

Amen.

Organ Postlude

The Kings Banners of the 8th Australian Light Horse

A Kings Banner was awarded to all Light Horse Regiments during 1908 as recognition for distinguished service in the South African War.

The original Banner and its replacement awarded to the 8th Australian Light Horse Regiment were laid up here in Holy Trinity Church, Benalla when the HQ of the Regiment was based in our present Depot.

The Kings Banners were replaced by the Guidons now held in trust by A Squadron 8/13 VMR.