



A Service of Thanksgiving

for the life of

Ann Jenifer White

1928 - 2026

Kingswood, Upper Hutt

Tuesday, 1 September 2026 at 2:00pm

Officiating Minister : Reverend Kath Bier

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on

David Harkins.

Music before the service

Pastoral Symphony

Beethoven

THE BIDDING

We are gathered here today, family and friends, to remember before God, Ann White, whom we have known and loved. We give thanks for Ann's life, and remember, among so many special qualities, her generosity, her courtesy, her strength of character, her wry good humour and sense of fun, her enjoyment of sport, her enduring capacity for friendship, and her love of music and song.

THE SENTENCES

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord

HYMN

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

TRIBUTE AND FIRST READING

If I should go before the rest of you,
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone;
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday voice,
But be the usual selves that I have known.
Weep if you must, Parting is hell.
But life goes on, So sing as well'.

Joyce Grenfell

HYMN

LEAD US, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing,
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us;
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy:
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

TRIBUTE AND SECOND READING

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake,

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE PRAYERS

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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

Almighty God, father of all mercies and giver of all comfort, we give you thanks for all that Ann has been to us, and for all, in our love and memory, that she is still; we thank you for the place which she holds in our hearts. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who died for Ann and for us all. Amen.

Lord, support us all the day long of this life that you in your unfailing love have given us, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes and our busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMITTAL

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commend the soul of His servant Ann. The Lord bless her, and keep her. The Lord make His face to shine upon her. and be gracious unto her. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon her and give her peace, both now and ever more

HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

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 the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

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An Invitation

Ann's family thank you for your presence today
and for your kind words of comfort and support.
Following this service, you are warmly invited to join
the family in the Kingswood Lounge for refreshments.

Donation

In memory of Ann, you are welcome to make a donation to
Wellington Free Ambulance by scanning the QR code below.
Thank you.



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