



Wal's family would like to thank you for your attendance today and for your support and kind wishes.

Following the private family cremation, you are warmly invited to join the family at the

Commercial Club, Stanley Room C, Dean St Albury
from 12:15 to share memories and refreshments.

To view a recording of this service, please go to
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Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of
Wallace Sydney McVicar
'Wal'

28th November 1927 - 9th April 2023



Sacred Heart Catholic Church, North Albury

Monday 17th April 2023

Officiating: Father Martin Cruickshank

Entrance Hymn

Here I Am Lord – Colin Raye

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone fill their hearts with love alone
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

Introductory Rites

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Michelle Purtell

This candle reminds us of Christ's presence in Wal's life and of the light he was to us and those whose lives he touched.

**All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light,
now welcome him into the kingdom of light and peace.**

Placing and Blessing Of The Cross

Georgia Purtell and Isabelle Hill

This cross is the central symbol of our Christian identity. It speaks to us of the importance of love, trust and hope.

**All: May Wal who walked in the footsteps of Jesus,
share in His resurrection and new life.**

Prayers Of Commendation

All: Receive his soul, and present him to God the most high.

Recessional Hymn

Amazing Grace - Celtic Women

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now can see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We'll have no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.



Pallbearers

Tony Purtell, Ben McVicar, Jacob Brooks
Nick Brooks, Riley Purtell, Milo Gee

Communion Hymn

How Great Thou Art - Harry Secombe

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power thru-out the universe displayed!

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Verse 2

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

Verse 3

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art



Words Of Remembrance

Shared by Robert McVicar, John Purtell, Tony Brooks, Jacob Brooks

Visual Reflection of Wal's Life

Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

Read by Tink Gee

Here is a faithful man whose good works have not been forgotten.
In his loved ones there remains a rich inheritance born of him, and
thanks to him, in all those for whom he cared. His glory will not fade.
His body will rest in peace and his name will live on for all
generations. The people will proclaim his wisdom,
the assemble will celebrate his praises.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23

Read by Meg Purtell

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Fresh and green are the
pastures where he gives me repose; Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(Response).**

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.

(Response).

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

(Response).

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. **(Response).**

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia! "I am the resurrection and the life", says the Lord.
"Whoever believes in me will live forever." Alleluia.**

Gospel

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them; "How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy are those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown to them. Happy are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Martin Cruickshank

Prayers Of Intercession

Read by Samantha McVicar and Tali Gee

1. We give thanks for the years we had Grandpa and the special memories we will treasure forever. He was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, Grandpa, Grandpa Mac, brother, uncle and friend to many. May he rest in peace alongside the loved ones who have gone before him.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

2. For Wal's wife Beryl. Their love and commitment is an inspiration to all of us. May Grandma find comfort and love in her time of grief, through her faith and the care and support of family and friends.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

3. For Wal's children, grandchildren and extended family. We ask you to provide comfort and love in our time of grief. May we follow in Grandpa's footsteps and be strengthened by the values and the qualities that live on in us.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

4. We pray for the world in which we live. May we all be united in respecting and caring for our earth and its people and making it a better place of peace and harmony.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Offertory Procession

The simple gifts of bread and wine will be brought to the Lord's table by Trish Purtell, Marg Brooks and Beverly McVicar

Offertory Hymn

Hallelujah - Virginia and Andrea Bocelli