

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Merryl Joan Cross

18th February 1948 - 23rd November 2021

St John's Anglican Church, Wagga Wagga
Thursday 2nd December 2021

Officiating: Rev'd Craig Rogers



*“You can shed tears that she has gone, or you can smile because she lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she’ll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.”*

Greeting - The Rev'd Craig Rogers

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Hymn - The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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.

Sentences of Scripture

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'

John 11.25

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22–23

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with 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.

Psalm 121 - read by Trish Groves

I lift my eyes to the hills:
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord:
the maker of heaven and earth.
The Lord will not allow your foot to slip:
your guardian will not sleep.
See, the one who watches over Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
It is the Lord who is your keeper:
the Lord is your shelter on your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day:
neither shall the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:
it is the Lord who shall guard your life.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:
both now and for evermore.

A Verse read by Wendy Head

Eulogy - Graham Russell

Tributes by Tim and Andrew Cross

Photo Tribute - “Precious Life I & II” from “Scripture Lullabies”





Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 - read by Victoria Head

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Sermon - Rev'd Craig Rogers

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
forever and ever. Amen.

Farewell Prayer

Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life
in Christ Jesus.

We entrust Merryl 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.

Closing Hymn - Here I am, Lord

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?

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 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
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

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I will go, Lord.
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Recessional Song - "The Carnival is Over" sung by Judith Durham



*Philip, along with Tim, Andrew and their families
would like to sincerely thank everyone for the
prayers, comfort and support during this time.*

*All are invited to continue in the sharing of memories
and light refreshments after the church service at
the Wagga Wagga Country Club.*

*Donations to the Inner Wheel Club of Wagga Wagga
may be made electronically:*

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