A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life of

GERTRUD DU PLESSIS

22nd February 1931—9th January 2021

Pilgrim Uniting Church, Wagga Wagga

Monday, 18th January 2021 at 11:00am

CELEBRANT

Rev. Yvonne Ghavalas

MUSICAL PRELUDE

"Aria" by Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

POEM

"They Are Not Dead" Read by Paula

They are not dead,
Who leave us this great heritage
Of remembered joy.
They still live in our hearts,
In the happiness we knew,
In the dreams we shared.
They still breathe,
In the lingering fragrance windblown,
From their favourite flowers.
They still smile in the moonlight's silver
And laugh in the sunlight's sparkling gold.

They still speak in the echoes of words
We've heard them say again and again.
They still move,
In the rhythm of waving grasses,
In the dance of the tossing branches.
They are not dead;
Their memory is warm in our hearts,
Comfort in our sorrow.
They are not apart from us,
But a part of us
For love is eternal,
And those we love shall be with us
Throughout all eternity.

OPENING PRAYER

REFLECTION SONG

"All Thing's Bright And Beautiful"
by King's College

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Read by Susan, Paula & Ros

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Bach Italian Concerto

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains—but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned—but if I have no love, this does me no good.

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

Love is eternal. There are inspired messages, but they are temporary; there are gifts of speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease; there is knowledge, but it will pass. For our gifts of knowledge and of inspired messages are only partial; but when what is perfect comes, then what is partial will disappear.

When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways. What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror; then we shall see face-to-face. What I know now is only partial; then it will be complete—as complete as God's knowledge of me.

Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

MESSAGE

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY

HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

by King's College

COMMENDATION & COMMITTAL

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL SONG

A piano piece played by Jan Batt

Gertrud's family sincerely thank everyone for the support and comfort shown to them at this sad time it is very much appreciated and of great comfort to the entire family.