

A GRAVESIDE SERVICE TO CELEBRATE  
THE LIFE AND LOVE OF



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**William Henry Butz**

**18th June 1950 - 24th March 2021**

Batlow Cemetery

Thursday, 1st April 2021 at 11:30am

*OPENING SONG*  
"Hot August Night" by Neil Diamond

*GREETING*

**Fr George Ogah:** In the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

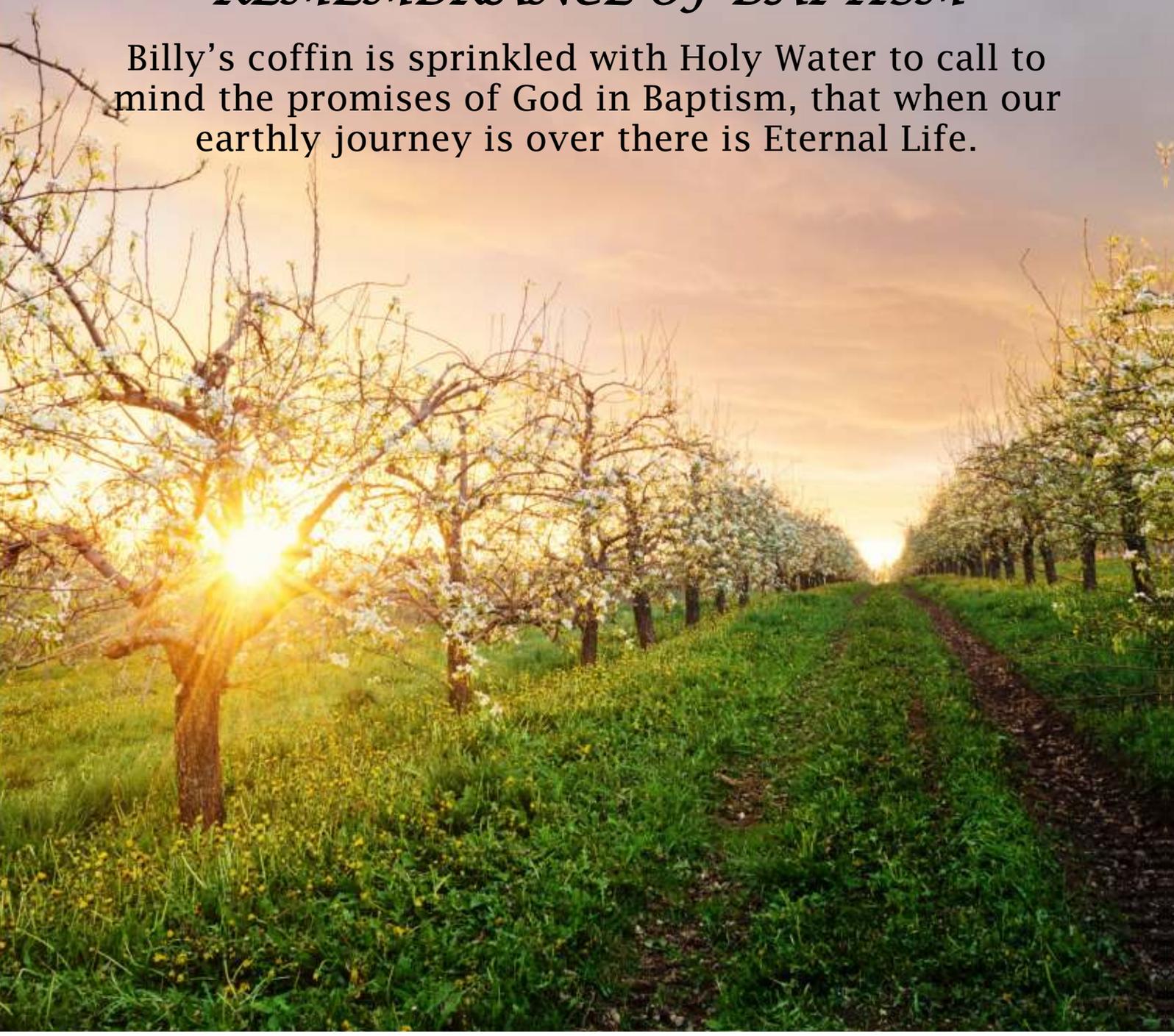
**All: Amen.**

**Fr George Ogah:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit.**

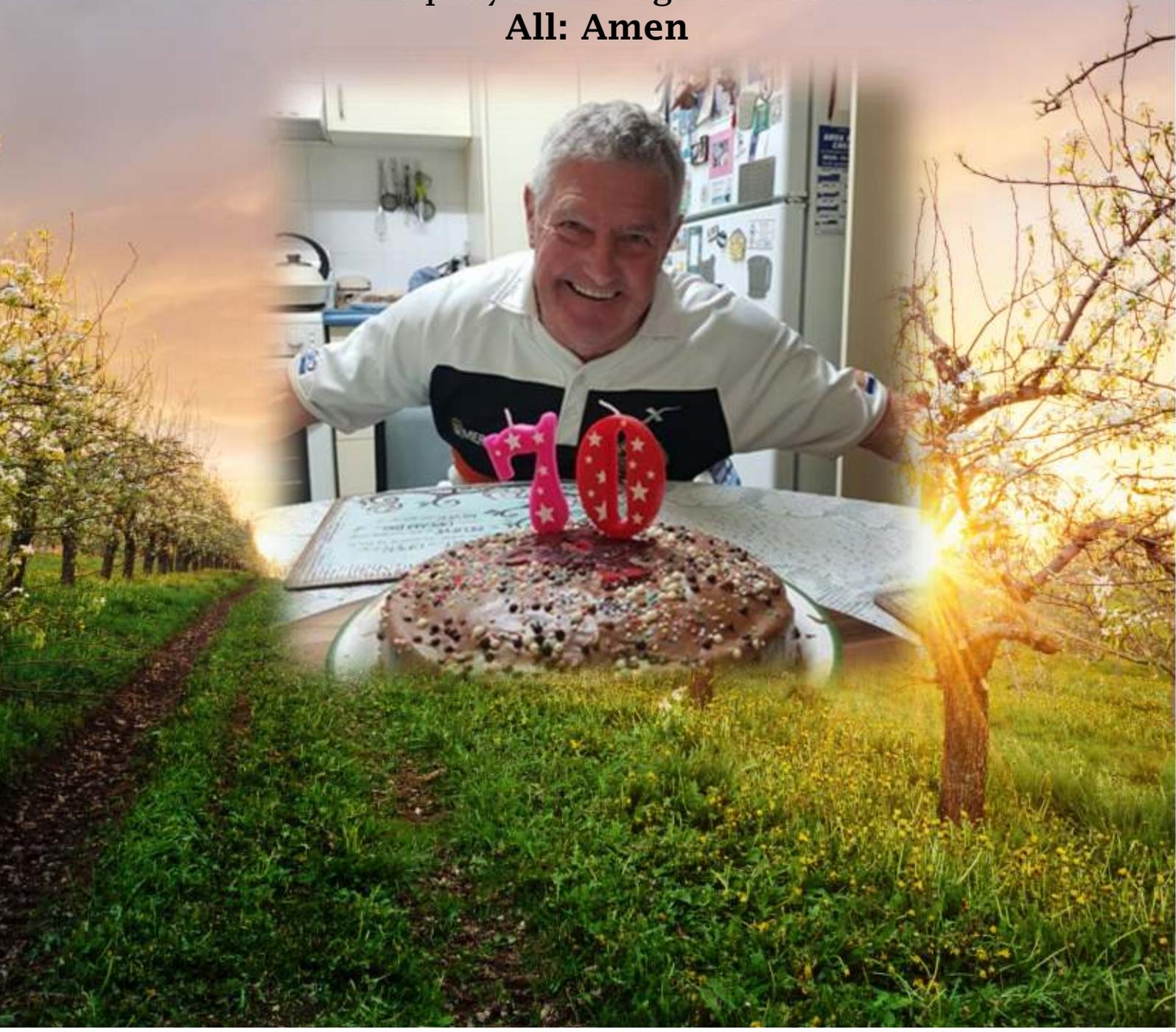
*REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM*

Billy's coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water to call to  
mind the promises of God in Baptism, that when our  
earthly journey is over there is Eternal Life.



## *OPENING PRAYER*

Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God,  
hear our prayers for your servant Billy,  
whom you have called from this world to Yourself.  
Forgive his sins and failings and grant him a  
place of refreshment, light and peace.  
Let him pass unharmed through the gates of  
death to dwell with the blessed light, as you  
promised to Abraham and his sons forever.  
Accept Billy into your safe keeping and on the  
great day of Judgement, raise him up with all  
the saints to inherit your eternal kingdom.  
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord  
**All: Amen**



## *POEM*

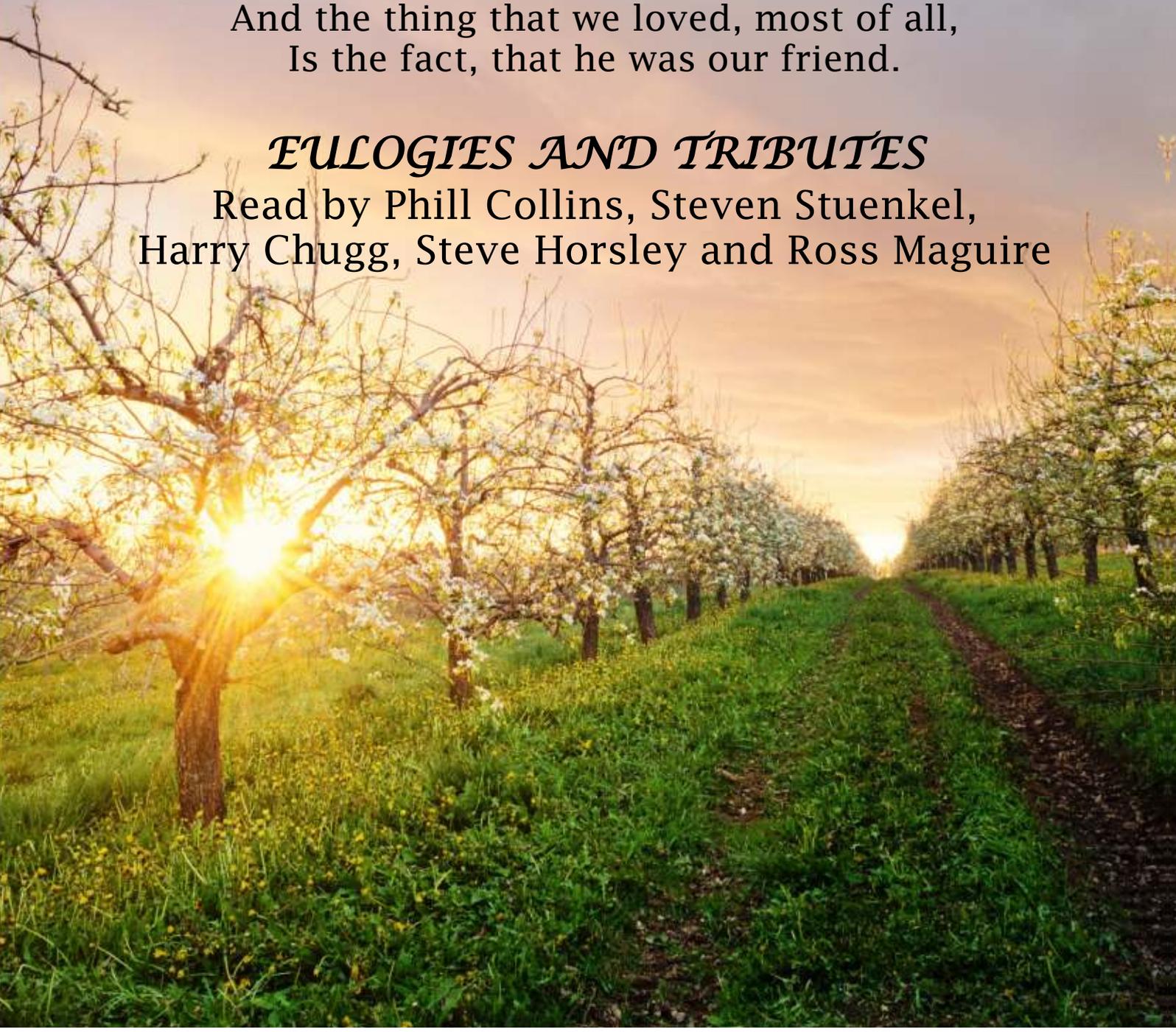
### **“Butzy Our Friend”**

Read by Joanne Cox

His Laugh was there, for all to share,  
His heart, compassionate and kind,  
His soul would make friends everywhere,  
And his prejudice, it was blind.  
His eyes would see only, a person's best,  
His mouth, would tells no lies,  
He smiled, with the warmth of a helping hand,  
These are qualities in Butzy we prize.  
And all these things, we found in him,  
No need is there to pretend,  
And the thing that we loved, most of all,  
Is the fact, that he was our friend.

## *EULOGIES AND TRIBUTES*

Read by Phill Collins, Steven Stuenkel,  
Harry Chugg, Steve Horsley and Ross Maguire



# *TIME OF REFLECTION*

## **“Sailing”**

I am sailing, I am sailing  
Home again, A Cross the sea  
I am sailing, Stormy waters  
To be near you, To be free

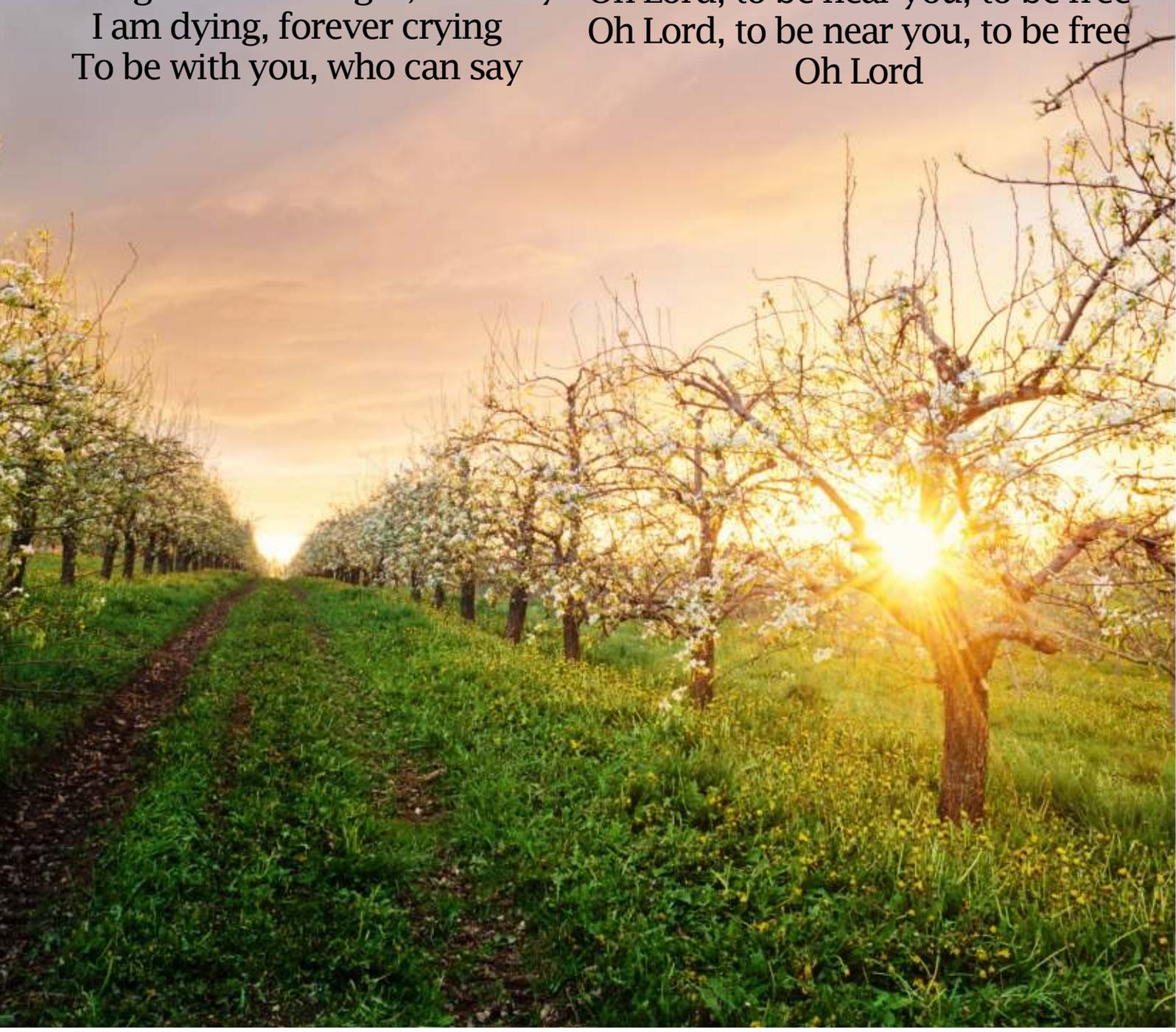
I am flying, I am flying  
Like a bird, A Cross the sky  
I am flying, Passing high clouds  
To be with you, To be free

Can you hear me, can you hear me  
Through the dark night, far away  
I am dying, forever crying  
To be with you, who can say

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Oh Lord, to be near you, to be free  
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Oh Lord







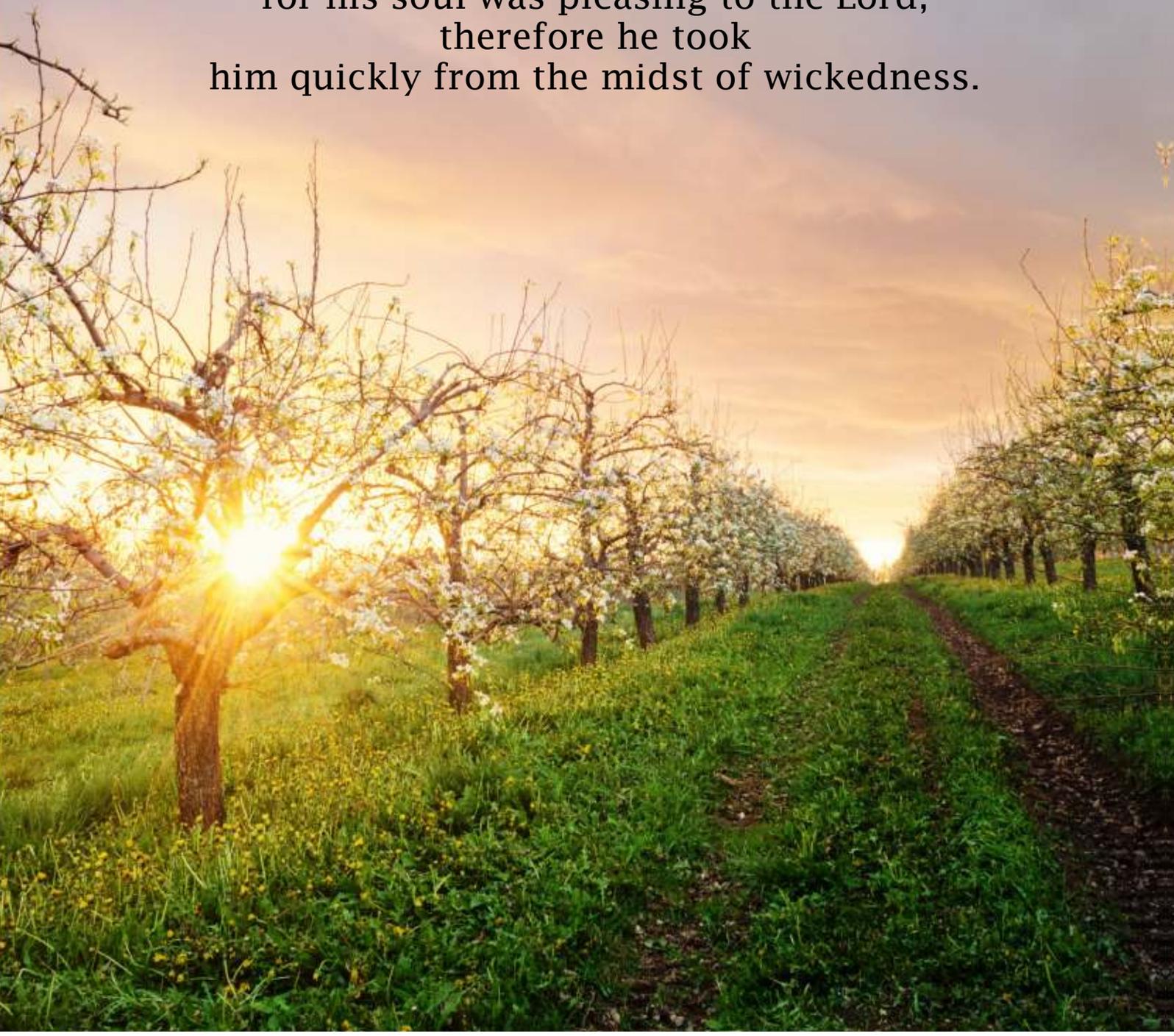
# *BIBLE READING*

**A Reading from Wisdom 4:7-9, 13-14**

Read by Monique Ciampa

But the righteous man,  
though he die early, will be at rest.  
For old age is not honoured for length of time,  
nor measured by number of years;  
but understanding is grey hair ,  
for men and a blameless life is ripe old age.

Being perfected in a short time,  
he fulfilled long years;  
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore he took  
him quickly from the midst of wickedness.



## *PSALM*

### **“The Lord Is My Shepherd”**

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

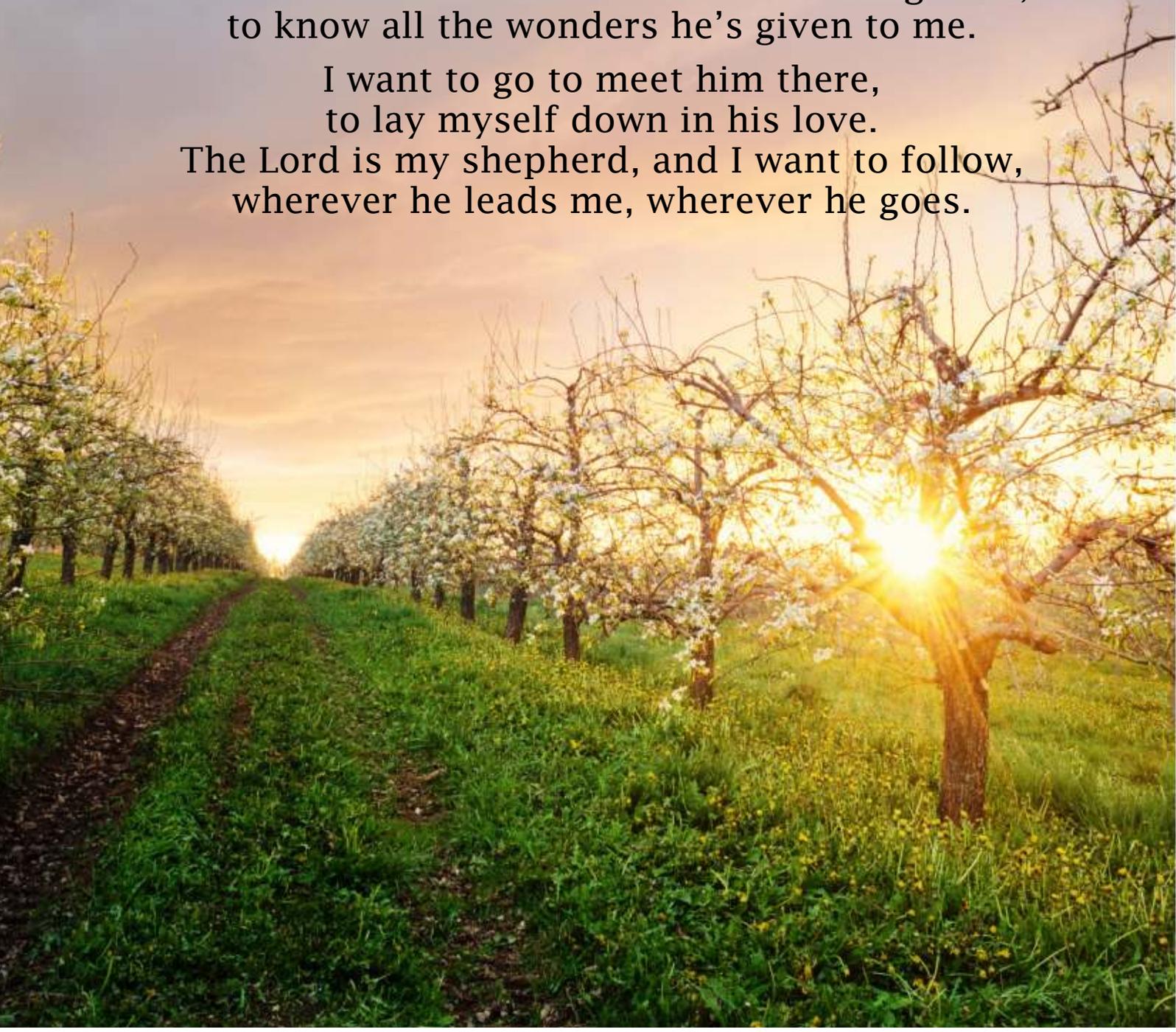
I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

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to lay myself down in his love.

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# *GOSPEL*

**John 14:1-6**

**Fr George Ogah:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And with your spirit.

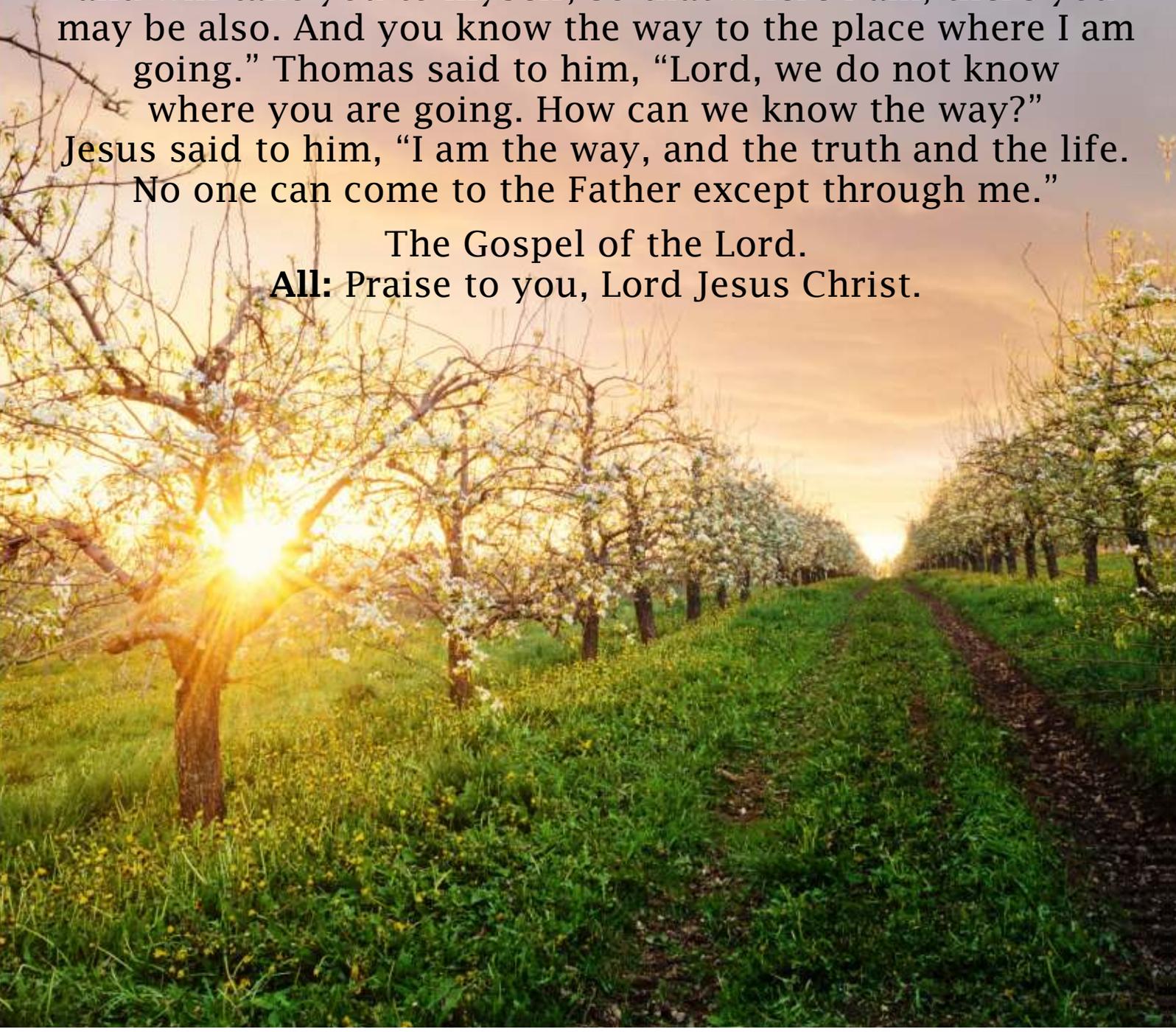
**Fr George Ogah:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**All:** Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

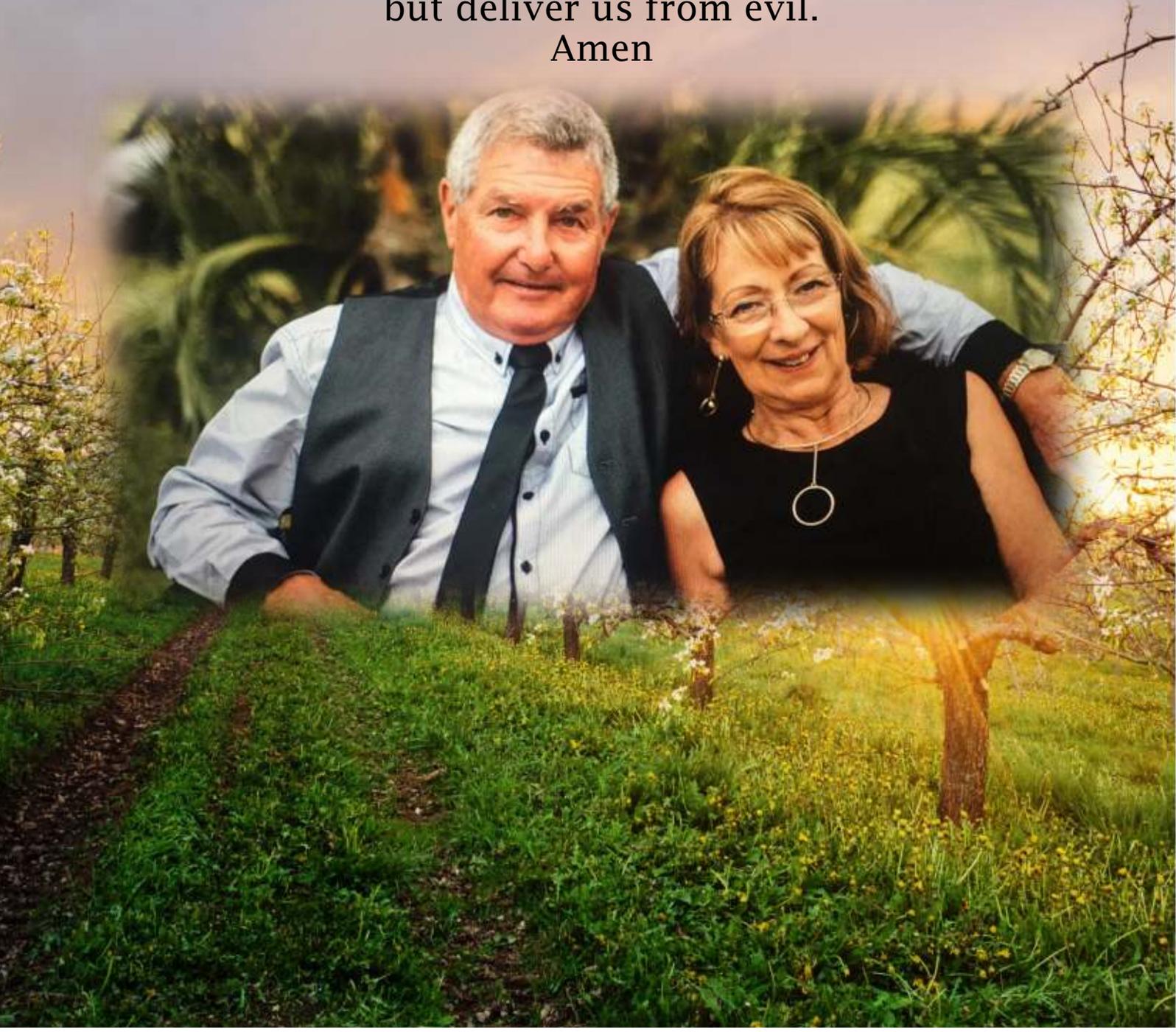
**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



*HOMILY*  
Fr George Ogah

*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.  
Amen



## *POEM*

### **“Gone Fishing”**

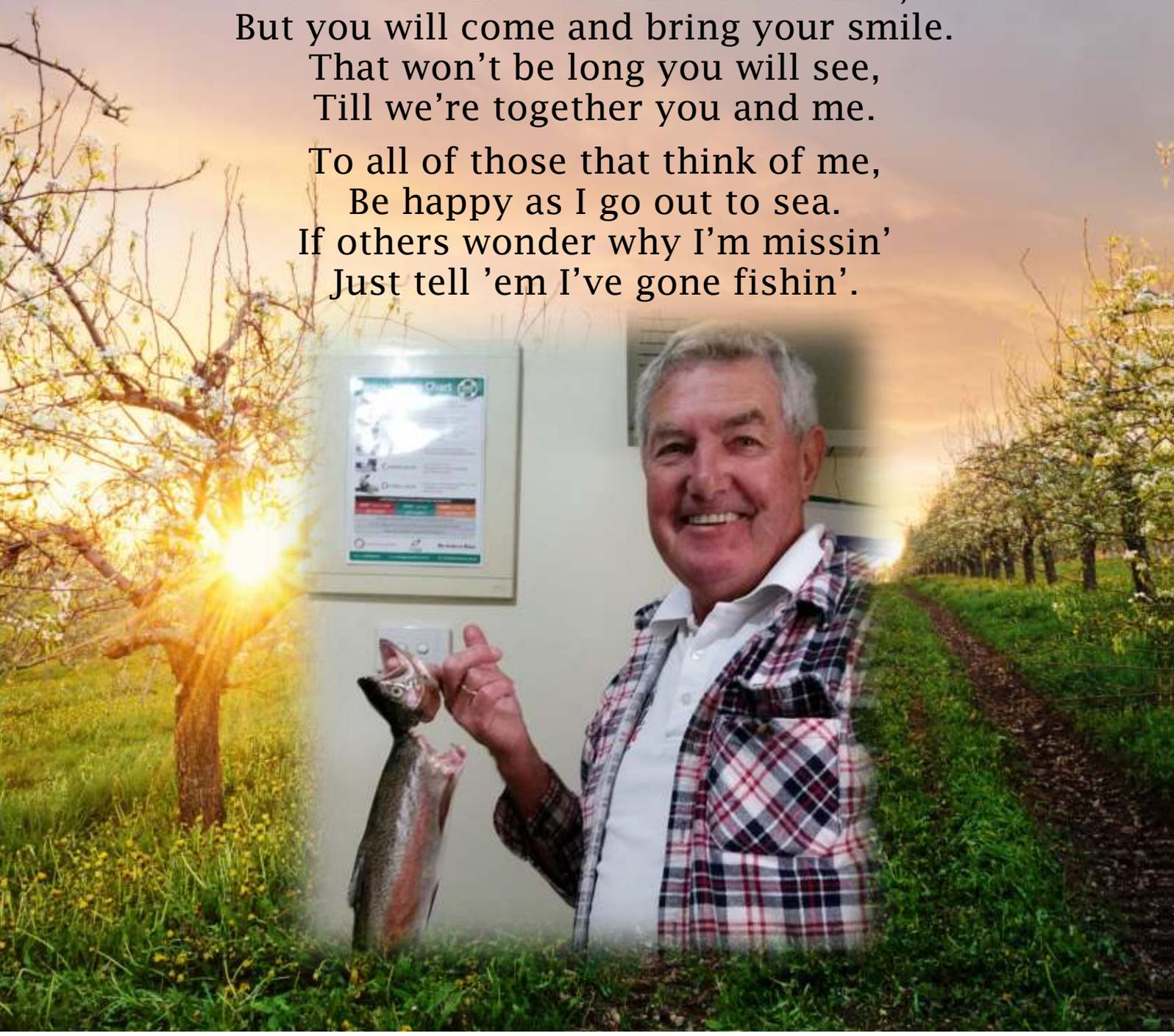
Read by Katie Harris

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,  
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,  
To fill your heart with every wish.  
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,  
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see,  
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin'  
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'.



# *SONG OF FAREWELL*

**Response:**

**Receive his soul and present him to God the most High.**

Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

**Response:**

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,  
May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**Response:**

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Response:**

## *PRAYER OF COMMENDATION*



*COMMITTAL*

*BLESSING*

*RECESSIONAL SONG*

**“Irresistible Love” by Gary Taylor**  
**“You Can Leave Your Hat On” by Joe Cocker**

*PALLBEARERS*

**Jarred Cooper, Wayne Collins, Will Harris-Butz,  
Paul Cox, Brian Cox and Braden Bond**





It is with love and gratitude that Billy's family thank you for your kindness and expressions of sympathy at a time when it is needed and deeply appreciated.



*"Another Cup Of Tea Charlie"*

Following the service, Billy's family would like to welcome you to the Batlow RSL Club, Mayday Road, Batlow for light refreshments and to share the many wonderful memories we all have of Butzy.



**ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD**

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