

A SERVICE OF PRAYERS &
CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

Graeme Michael Dowdle



11th May 1953—28th March 2021

Alan Harris McDonald Chapel, Wagga Wagga

Wednesday, 7th April 2021 at 11:00am

Celebrant: Fr Paddy Sykes

ENTRANCE SONG

“Prince Of Meat” by The Emu’s After Us

GREETING

Fr Paddy: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Paddy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER

Maya Cool

LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

Caitlin Dowdle & Maya Cool

PLACING OF THE SYMBOLS

EULOGY

**Read by Anthony Dowdle,
Tony Wilcox and Caitlin Dowdle**

PICTORIAL REFLECTION

**“Brown Eyed Girl” by Van Morrison
“Dead Flowers” by The Rolling Stones
“Sunshine Of Your Love” by Cream**

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Read by Caitlin Dowdle

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

What do workers gain from their toil?

I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

He has also set eternity in the human heart;

Yet no one can fathom what God has done
from beginning to end.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL 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 byways,
Valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

**Refrain: 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 will walk on together
To know all the wonders he's given to me. **Refrain:**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since
the foundation of the world.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Fr Paddy: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr Paddy: 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 still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

If there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

So that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, 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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Anthony Dowdle

Fr Paddy: God our father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

Reader: That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Graeme. We pray the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: The family and friends of Graeme seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: For all of us assembled here and present via livestreaming to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom. We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: For the doctors, nurses and carers at Mary Potter Nursing Home, that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Fr Paddy: Loving Father, you govern all things wisely and with great love. Listen to our prayers and lead us through. Your spirit to complete joy and communion with you. We make this prayer through Christ your Son.
All: Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response:

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

Fr Paddy: Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! **Response:**

Fr Paddy: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,
May angels lead you to Abraham's side. **Response:**

Fr Paddy: Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him. **Response:**

RECESSIONAL SONG

"Hard To Handle" by The Black Crowes



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

Graeme's family would like to welcome you to The Wagga Wagga Boat Club, Plumpton Road, for light refreshments and to share the many wonderful memories we all have of Graeme.



Alan Harris McDonald