



**FUNERAL LITURGY**

*Giving thanks to God for the life of*

**ELWYN DARK**

1937 ~ 2022





# ORDER OF SERVICE

## MUSIC

### GATHERING AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

### PLACING OF SYMBOLS OF LIFE & FAITH

#### LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

*Christine Henderson & Jasmine Chakir.*

## MUSIC

### OPENING PRAYER

**Priest:** Almighty God and Father,  
it is our certain faith that your Son,  
who died on the cross,  
was raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.  
Grant that through this mystery your servant Elwyn,  
who has gone to her rest in Christ,  
may share in the joy of the resurrection.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:20-21.

*Family Member*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will change these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 23. *Family Member*

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

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

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

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

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

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

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for years to come.

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

**Gospel Reading: Alleluia. Alleluia.**

"This is the will of my Father", says the Lord,  
"all who believe in the Son will have eternal life  
and I will raise them to life again on the last day".

**Alleluia. Alleluia**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

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

Jesus said to the 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.'

**Priest:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE HOMILY

### HYMN

Amazing Grace.

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.
2. As grace first taught my heart to fear  
so grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

John Newton 1725–1807 alt.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, in your glory.

**Hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray;

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### COMMENDATION & SIGNS OF FAREWELL

**Priest:** Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
you gave new birth to our sister Elwyn,  
by water and the Spirit.  
Grant that her death may recall to us  
your victory over death,  
and be an occasion for us to renew our trust  
in your Father's love.  
Give us, we pray,  
the faith to follow where you have led the way,  
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

**Priest:** Saints of God, come to her aid!  
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

**All:** **Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

**Priest:** May Christ, who called her, take her to himself:

May angels lead her to the side of Abraham.

**All: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

**Priest:** Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
And let your perpetual love and light enfold her.

**All: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

**Priest:** Rest eternal grant to Elwyn, O Lord;

**All: And may your love and our love always enfold her.**

### **BLESSING**

Let us pray for God's blessing. *Silence.*

**Priest:** God show you the way of peace,  
that you may receive peace,  
That you may give peace,  
that you may live peace,  
That you may share peace,  
that the peace of God shine in you.  
God be with you to guide you.  
God be with you to protect you,  
God be with you to strengthen you.  
God be above you to uplift you,  
God be beneath you to support you.  
And the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
enfold you with his love and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **MUSIC OF FAREWELL**

*On behalf of Elwyn's family,*

*I would like to thank you for your prayers and support at this time.*

*The family invite you to join them for the burial at the  
Dunkeld Cemetery.*

*The family also invite you to join them at the Dunkeld Bowls Club  
for refreshments.*