

Martin Christopher Presser



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

For

Martin Christopher Presser

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hamilton, Victoria

10am Thursday, October 15, 2026

INTRODUCTION & REMINDER OF BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P A Christian Funeral Service brings to completion the Rite of holy Baptism. And so, as Martin Presser was baptised and Confirmed in the one true Faith, we now assemble in our grief to remember him, return thanks to God for him and farewell him. Recalling the Rite of Baptism, St Paul comforts us with these words: Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

OBITUARY & REFLECTIONS (by brother Phillip Presser & former Co-worker Allan Olive)

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has destroyed death and brings immortal life through the gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through Martin.

(our two speakers Phillip & Allan come – in turn to the lectern).

We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord for our brother, Martin.

GREETING & PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, as you sent your Son to bear our grief and carry our sorrow, be with us in this dark time and assure us that you have not abandoned us even in the face of death, so that we may not despair but put our hope in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

WE RISE TO SING (OR REFLECT ON) PSALM 23

'THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD'

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

ADDRESS *(Please be seated)*

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

In the face of death, let us confess our faith in the living God, and say the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We thank you for Martin and the ways in which you blessed those gathered here today and those absent from us.

Sustain us all in life and death and let perpetual light shine on us and all your faithful people.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Be with those who mourn, comfort them in their grief, and wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Remember everyone who grieves Martin's death. Lighten their sense of loss with your presence and support them in their loneliness. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Help those who grieve to support each other and draw them together in their sorrow. Bring healing and peace to the hurting and unite everyone in mind and heart.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give those who are bereaved courage to face the future with confidence in your goodness and with hope in the victory of Christ over death. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Help us, when we are perplexed and troubled, to believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Be with us in our journey through life and teach us to live wisely, making the most of our time on earth.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, prepare us all for the world to come. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power, and take us home to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, remember us, and help us to pray the prayer you have taught us.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

WE RISE TO SING (OR REFLECT ON)

HYMN "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

BLESSING & EASTER PROCLAMATION

The Lord give you comfort and peace; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit †, be with you always. Amen.

Christ has risen. **He has risen indeed!**

Go in the peace of the Lord. **Amen.**

[we are seated for a time of reflection to instrumental music
– ‘Now we are free’ & ‘The Ghel’ (from The Last of the Mohicans)]

**Officiating Minister: Rev. Chris Raatz
(Grampians Lutheran Parish
& Bethlehem Tabor Interim Pastor)**

*The family thank you for your love and support,
and for your attendance today.*

*Following the service, you are warmly invited to stay
for time of fellowship, over morning tea,
in the church hall.*