



**St Philip's Anglican Church, O'Connor, ACT**



An offering of the Eucharist for the life of  
**Linda Estelle Anchell**  
15 December 1948 – 16 August 2019

27 August 2019 10.30am  
The Feast of St Monica

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Johnson  
Deacon: The Reverend Robin Moore



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Let us entrust our sister Linda to the mercy of God.

**Holy and loving Father,  
by your mighty power you gave us life,  
and in your love you have given us new life  
in Christ Jesus.**

**We entrust Linda to your merciful keeping:  
in the faith of Jesus Christ  
who died and rose again to save us,  
and now lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit  
in glory for ever. Amen.**

*The Deacon says:*

The Lord guards our coming in and our going out. May God be with us today as we make this last journey with our sister Linda.

*The words of Nunc Dimittis will be read as the coffin is taken from the church, alongside the music of Bela Bartok. The liturgy continues with an act of committal at the Gunghalin Crematorium.*

*Following the Liturgy all are invited to  
The Lamerton Centre for light refreshments.*

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## THE COMMENDATION

Lord Jesus Christ you gave new birth to our sister Linda  
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.**

## HYMN OF FAREWELL

*During the hymn Linda's coffin will be sprinkled with Holy Water a  
reminder that Baptism, like death, marks the beginning of eternal life.*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *[Refrain]*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife,  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *[Refrain]*

*We welcome you to St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor today  
as we celebrate Linda's life, pray for those who mourn and  
commend her to God.*

## HYMN FOR THE INTROIT

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Celebrant invites us all to pray silently and  
then gathers the prayers of the people:*

We have come together  
to thank God for the life of Linda  
to mourn and honour her  
and to support one another in grief.  
We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.  
Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ

share eternal life with him.  
Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,  
who created and sustains us all.

2.

Let us pray:

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life.  
May your life giving Spirit flow through us,  
and fill us with compassion one for another.  
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.  
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### EULOGY

*Fred Anchell will pay tribute to Linda and recall her life.*

#### READINGS

First reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 *read by The Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon*

*At the end of the reading:* Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel

*All stand for the Gospel reading.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:11-18

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel:*

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON *The Rev'd Martin Johnson*

#### REFLECTION

When I am laid in earth (Dido's Lament) from Dido & Aeneas

*Henry Purcell 1659-95*

Sung by Tanuja Doss, accompanied by Colin Forbes.

7.

*The Eucharistic prayer concludes:*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
we offer our prayer and praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

+ Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The congregation come forward to receive the sacrament.*

*If you are a communicant member of another church you are welcome  
to come forward to receive the sacrament or a blessing.*

Music during communion will include a setting of Psalm 23 by  
Howard Goodall sung by Denise Manley

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Lord of life and death,

we thank you that in your great love

you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all your saints.

Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us  
a comfort in affliction  
a firm assurance of his resurrection

and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom  
where death and sorrow are no more,  
but all things are made new. **Amen.**

6.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Preface proper is used, concluding with:*

The joy of the resurrection fills the universe,  
and so we join with angels and archangels,  
with the Blessed Virgin, St Monica and the all the saints  
with Linda and all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Eucharistic prayer continues, until:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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#### THE PRAYERS

*The Deacon leads our intercessions.*

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,  
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all:

We thank you, our Father,  
that your Son Jesus came to die for us.  
We thank you that you raised him from the dead.  
We thank you for the gift of life, and the life of Linda.  
Bring us and all your faithful people,  
to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.  
Lord in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for Linda's ministry as a Deacon in the Church.  
As she was strengthened by the gift of the Spirit  
to preach the Good News,  
to minister to your people  
and be a witness of your love.  
Strengthen us in our ministries.  
Lord in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn, for Fred, Jim and Bruce  
and those who feel most keenly the pain of grief.  
Be close to them in their loss.  
Increase their faith in your undying love.  
Lord in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Show mercy to the dying.  
Sustain them with hope,  
and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.  
Strengthen those who care for them, particularly those  
at Clare Holland House who lovingly cared for Linda.



Lord in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

4.

In penitence and faith we seek the God of consolation.

**We confess that we have not loved  
you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Grant us forgiveness, and assure us of your love.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you,  
that we may live the rest of our lives in following your Son,  
and be ready when you call us  
to the fullness of eternal life. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and keep you in life eternal.

**Amen.**

We praise you Lord God, for your faithful servants  
in every age.

May we with Linda and all who have died in the faith of Christ,  
be brought to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfilment of your kingdom  
Lord in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

As our saviour taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

5.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

*The Celebrant says:*

We are the Body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Deacon says:* Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*You are invited to share the greeting of peace with those around you.*

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey  
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you shall better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe thy sorrow, calm your fears.  
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore  
the trust and hope that strengthened you before.

