



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



A celebration of the life of
Patricia Aileen Forbes
15 February 1945 – 10 September 2019

Wednesday 18 September 2019 10.30am

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Johnson
Organist: Colleen Rae-Gerrard

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

LOBE DEN HERREN

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Melody to *Hast du denn, Liebster* in

17th German collections. Set to Neander's

Lobe den Herren (Ps 103) in *The Chorale Book for England* 1863

Descant by Alexander Brent-Smith 1889-1950

Descant

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Lobe den Herren'. It consists of five systems of staves. The first system begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The word 'Descant' is written above the first staff. The score is written for a four-part vocal or instrumental setting, with two staves per system. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines. The second system shows a continuation of the melody with some chromaticism. The third system features a more complex rhythmic pattern with eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth system returns to a simpler, more melodic line. The fifth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The overall style is characteristic of late 19th-century church music.

13.

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good;
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts: *Refrain.*

Matthias Claudius 1740-1815

Let us entrust our sister Pat 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.**

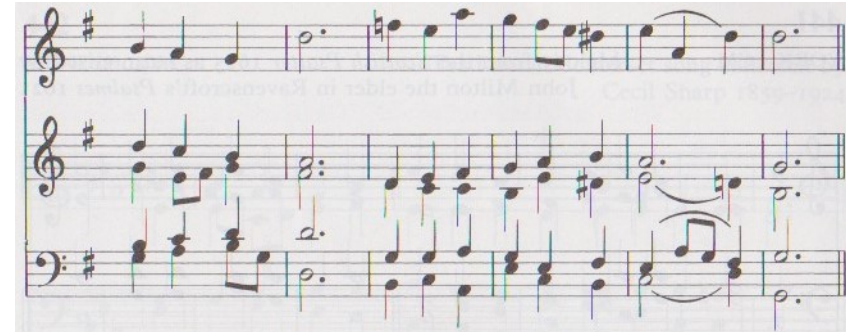
**We entrust Pat to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
in glory for ever. Amen.**

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

The words of Nunc Dimittis will be read as the coffin is taken from the church, alongside the music from the Mikrokosmos of Bela Bartok (1881-1945). The liturgy continues with an act of committal at the Gungahlin Crematorium.

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

2.



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 all that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
 let the Amen sound from his people again:
 gladly for ay we adore him. Joachim Neander 1650-80

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 Pat
 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.

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

Daniel Ward, Chris Cheah & Johanna McBride will pay tribute to Pat.

*Anne Briggs - Go Your Way - The Raven (Carolyn Forbes &
 Stephen Moncrieff)*

READINGS

From the letter to the Philippians (4:4-8) *read by Denise Manley*

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

Thanks be to God.



We plough the fields, and scatter
 the good seed on the land,
 but it is fed and watered
 by God's almighty hand;
 he sends the snow in winter,
 the warmth to swell the grain,
 the breezes and the sunshine,
 and soft refreshing rain:

Refrain:

All good gifts around us
 are sent from heaven above,
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
 for all his love.

He only is the maker
 of all things near and far,
 he paints the wayside flower,
 he lights the evening star.
 The wind and waves obey him,
 by him the birds are fed;
 much more to us, his children,
 he gives our daily bread: *Refrain.*

11.

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 Harmony by J. B. Dykes 1823-76

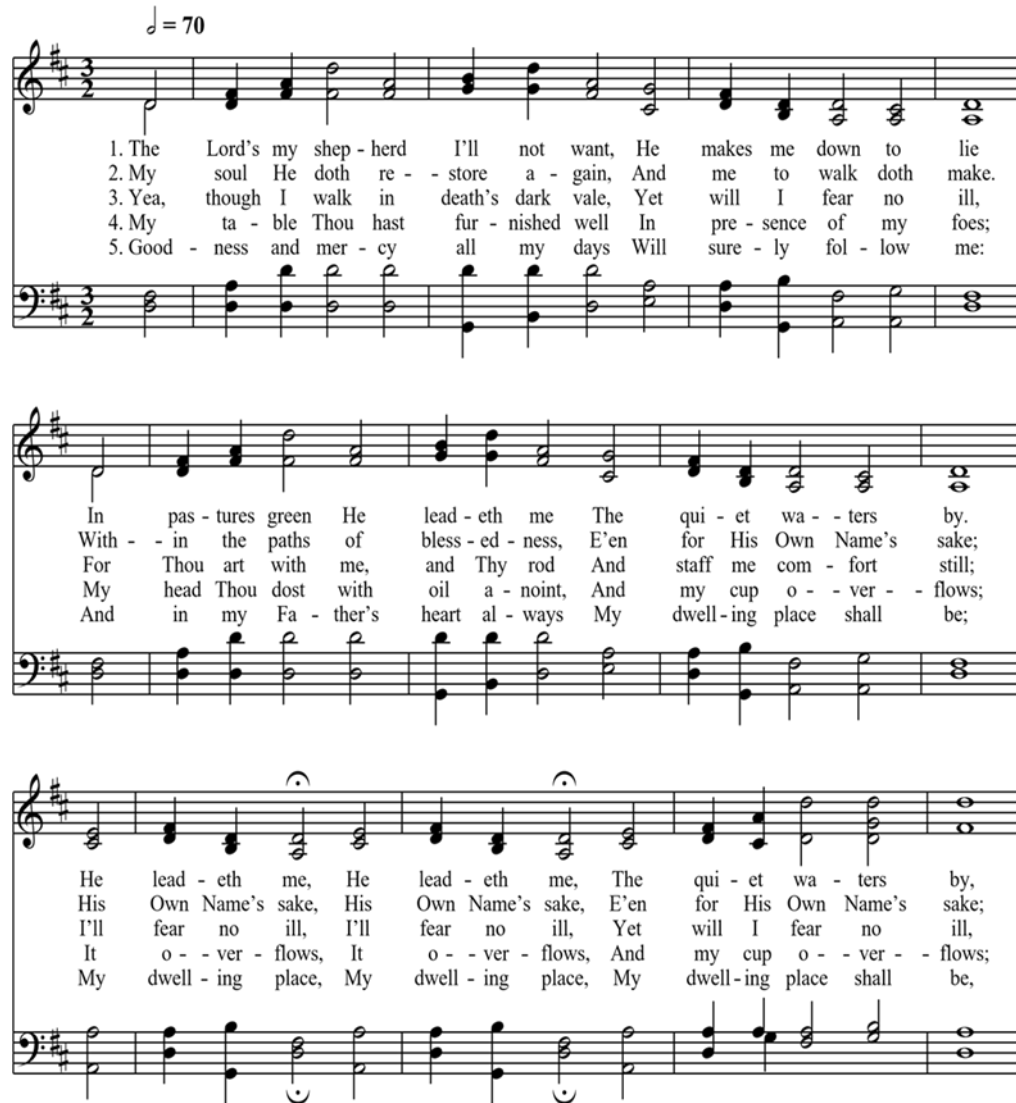
Refrain

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Psalm 23 from the Scottish Psalter, 1650 alt. by James Leith Macbeth Bain, 1915. Music and Setting: 'Marosa' or 'Brother James Air'

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1. The Lord's my shep - herd I'll not want, He makes me down to lie
 2. My soul He doth re - - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make.
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill,
 4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nished well In pre - sence of my foes;
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my days Will sure - ly fol - low me:

In pas - tures green He lead - eth me The qui - et wa - - ters by.
 With - - in the paths of bless - ed - ness, E'en for His Own Name's sake;
 For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still;
 My head Thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - - ver - - flows;
 And in my Fa - ther's heart al - ways My dwell - ing place shall be;

He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me, The qui - et wa - - ters by,
 His Own Name's sake, His Own Name's sake, E'en for His Own Name's sake;
 I'll fear no ill, I'll fear no ill, Yet will I fear no ill,
 It o - - ver - - flows, It o - - ver - - flows, And my cup o - - ver - - flows;
 My dwell - ing place, My dwell - ing place, My dwell - ing place shall be,

From the gospel according to Luke read by Jenny Sawyer

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

Thanks be to God.

God of mercy, Lord of Life: entrusting into your hands all that you have made, and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we gather our prayers in the words our saviour Christ has taught us.

**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.**

THE COMMENDATION

Don Schlitz – The Gambler – The Resolve (Amanda Forbes & Christian Vaughan)

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

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

9.

God of mercy, Lord of life: helps us to find you always in things of beauty and harmony. We give thanks for Pat's legacy, as we lift our voices today may our song be one of thanksgiving for her gift and for her generous sharing of it.

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer.

God of mercy, Lord of life: Show mercy to the dying. Sustain them with hope, and fill them with the peace of your presence. Strengthen those who care for them, particularly those at Clare Holland House who cared for Pat, with dedication, expertise and love.

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer.

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.

GJ Malcolm (1917-97) - Benedic Anima Mea Domino from Five Latin Motets. Cantare, recorded in St Philip's O'Connor, 1998.

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

May we with Pat and all who have died in the faith of Christ,

be brought to a joyful resurrection

and the fulfilment of your kingdom

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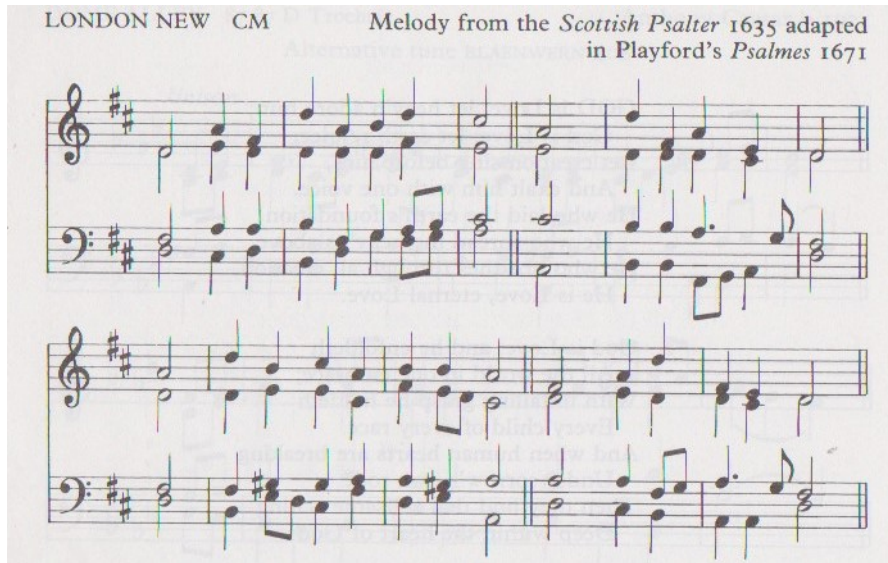
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SERMON *The Rev'd Martin Johnson*

*Mozart (1756-91) – 2nd Movement, Concerto 23 in A Major K488 –
Colin Forbes, accompanied by Max & Johanna McBride*



God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
of never failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs
and works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

8.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

William Cowper 1731-1800

THE PRAYERS

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

God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect
your truth and light: we give you thanks for Pat, for the grace and
mercy she received from you, for all that was good in her life, for the
memories we treasure today we give you thanks and praise.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

God of mercy, Lord of life: Your compassion and peace brings joy out
of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on Pat's family, on Colin,
Carolyn and Mandy and all who mourn. Give them patient faith in
times of darkness, and strengthen them in the knowledge of your love.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.