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With Love We Remember

# *Donald Montrose Graham*

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**St Stephen's Anglican Church**
**3 Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa**
**Thursday, 10 September 2026 at 2.00pm**

***Officiating:*** *Rev Ian Hardcastle*

# Order of Service

***Welcome***

***Sentences***

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
*Psalm 23 : 4*

Jesus said, "Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him
shall have eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day."
*John 6 : 40*

I am the resurrection and the life; even in death,
anyone who believes in me, will live.
*John 11 : 25*

***Prayer***

God our comforter,
you are a refuge and a strength to us,
a helper close at hand in times of distress.
Help us so to hear the words of our faith
that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased
and our hope reawakened.
**May your Holy Spirit lift us above our natural sorrow,
to the peace and light of your constant love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***Hymn*** | Abide With Me

Abide with me fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see,
O Thou who changest not abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting; where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***Tributes*** | Ian Graham, Macey Coles, Photo Tribute

***Prayers of Thanksgiving***

***The Lord's Prayer***

With faith and hope, we 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 forever. Amen.

***Bible Reading*** | John 6 : 35 - 40

***Sermon***

***Prayers for those Grieve***

God our Father, we pray especially for Sinfi; Kirsten and Mathew, Ella and Macey; Robert and Peta, Billie and Eve; Ian and Kate, Alice, Siena and Tully and the wider family and friends that they may know the comfort of your love.

We thank you that Christ facing death on the cross gives us courage;
Christ rising from the dead brings us hope of new life.
The dawn breaks and gives us light for the new day.

Because he lives, nothing can separate us from your love,
which unites us now with those we mourn.
**Help us to entrust our loved ones to your care.**
**When sorrow darkens our lives, teach us to look to you.**
**May we on earth always rejoice in your presence,**
**and share with them the rest and peace you give in Christ.**

## *Hymn* | The Lord's My Shepherd

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.

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.

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.

My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.

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

***Poem*** | Crossing The Bar - *Read by Kirsten Coles*

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have cross the bar.

*- by Alfred Lord Tennyson*

***Commendation & Committal***

***Prayer & Blessing***

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

May God give you his comfort and his peace
his light and his joy in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among us and remain with us always. ***Amen.***

***Recessional*** | Sailing - *by Rod Stewart*

***An Invitation***

Donald's family sincerely thanks you for being here today and for the care, love, and support you have shown. Your presence means a great deal to them. Please join the family for refreshments as we continue to share memories and reflect together.



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