

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life of



# Graham John Montague Farley

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Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

Rev'd Dennis Webster  
officiating

Ensign Party  
Braemar College Army Cadet Unit

Organist: Dr Dianne Gome

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# The Gathering

## *Processional Hymn*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

### **Chorus:**

*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 through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And 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.**

**And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"**

## *The minister welcomes the people and introduces the service.*

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.  
Grace and mercy be with you.

**And also with you.**

We look not to the things that are seen  
but to the things that are unseen;  
for the things that are seen are transient  
but the things that are unseen are eternal.  
Today we come together  
to remember before God our brother Graham,  
to give thanks for his life  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

## Opening Prayer

Father in heaven,

**we thank you because you made us in your own image  
and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit.**

**We thank you now for Graham  
and what he meant to each of us.**

**As we honour his memory,**

**make us more aware that you are the one  
from whom comes every perfect gift,**

**including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Ministry of the Word

*A reading from the Old Testament*

Job 19:23-27

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from the New Testament*

1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 31-33

## Homily

Rev'd Dennis Webster

## An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith

in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried;**

**he was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**afterwards he appeared to his followers,**

**and to all the apostles:**

**this we have received,**

**and this we believe. Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

## Tributes

Family and in perspective

Roger Farley

Ben Farley

Childhood

John Cudmore

University/Education Department

Neale Bavington

Scouts

Wayne Myers

CMF/Army Reserve

Doug Perry

## Hymn

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
be Thou still my strength and shield;  
be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
did my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.**

Braemar  
Rev'd Adrian Pegler  
Ian Buerckner

Retirement  
Malcolm Colquhoun

## Prayer after Tributes

*Please stand*

**Almighty Saviour,  
those who have died in faith  
have eternal joy in your presence.  
For us who remain, be with us in our sadness  
and turn our eyes to you.  
By your death once for all upon the cross,  
raise us to new life,  
give us victory over death  
and confidence to look forward to your coming. Amen.**

*The congregation may sit for the following prayers.*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks and praise, almighty Father,  
that you sent your Son to die,  
and raised him from the dead for the salvation of all.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for Graham who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal  
life, and now through faith rejoices with the saints in glory.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for our brother who shared the bread of life,  
a foretaste of the eternal banquet of heaven.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you for our deceased relatives and friends,  
who have helped us in the faith  
and now find rest from their labours.  
Lord, hear us.

6 **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you that the family and friends of our brother Graham, especially upholding Shirley, Roger and Michelle, Aaron and Ben, and family may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the extended family of Graham, especially remembering today his sister, Gill and family as they prepare to farewell and honour Gill's husband Trevor. Give rest, O Lord to your servant Trevor, and surround his family with your loving care.

Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for the service to the community through education, and through the many groups in which Graham led and encouraged. We thank you for his dedication in faith and witness within the Church, his service to the nation, scouting, the Army Reserve, Freemasonry, Legacy, community safety, and the many other interests he encouraged.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

By the Spirits of the just made perfect in their suffering, teach us in our turn, O Lord, to serve thee as we ought; to give and not to count the cost; to fight; and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour; and not to seek any reward save that of knowing that we do thy will. **Amen.**

The Rovers Australia Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplications unto thee;  
and dost promise that when two or three are gathered  
together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests;  
Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,  
as may be most expedient for them;  
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,  
and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

## Ode of Remembrance

*Please stand as the Ensign Party enter.*

*Ode led by Lt Col. John Henry (Ret.).*

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

**We will remember them**

## The Last Post

*One minute of silence is kept*

### Rouse

Lest we forget  
**Lest we forget**

### Anthem

**And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark satanic mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant land.**

William Blake 1757 - 1827

### The Prayer of Commendation

Gracious God,  
nothing in death or life,  
nothing in the world as it is,  
nothing in the world as it shall be,  
nothing in all creation  
can separate us from your love.  
Jesus commended his spirit into your hands at his last hour.  
Into those same hands we now commend your servant Graham,  
that dying to the world and cleansed from sin,  
death may be for him the gate to life  
and to eternal fellowship with you;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

✠ Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon him. **Amen.**

Postlude: Concerto in A minor, BWV 593,  
1st movement.  
Vivaldi-Bach

*On behalf of Shirley, together with Roger and Michelle, Aaron and Ben  
and family thank you for your attendance today.*

*You are cordially invited to a reception  
as we continue to honour Graham's life  
at  
Braemar College Senior Campus,  
Mount Macedon Road, Woodend.*

*To facilitate adequate parking, the College has asked that we  
delay our arrival at the College until after 1 p.m.*



