



A Service of Thanksgiving  
for  
Kathleen Turner

Church of the Resurrection  
Mount Macedon

*Psalm 121*

The Feast of Saint Nicholas

December 6th, 2018

11 am

Fr Dennis Webster officiating

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

*Sentences of Scripture may be sung or said, and a hymn may be sung.*

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord.

‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.’

John 11.25

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22–23

*Hymn, during which the Altar and Paschal Candles will be lit.*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky**

**I have heard my people cry**

**All who dwell in dark and sin**

**My hand will save**

**I, who made the stars of night**

**I will make their darkness bright**

**Who will bear my light to them?**

**Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me*

*I will hold your people in my heart*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain**

**I have borne my people’s pain**

**I have wept for love of them**

**They turn away**

**I will break their hearts of stone**

**Give them hearts for love alone**

**I will speak my words to them**

**Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame**

**I will send the poor and lame**

**I will set a feast for them**

**My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain*

*The minister says*

We meet in the name of God, who is ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace and mercy be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The minister introduces the service in these or other suitable words*

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 sister Kathleen,  
to give thanks for her 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 Kath  
and what she meant to each of us.  
As we honour her 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.**

*Readings and Sermon*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalm 121

Assurance of God's Protection

*A Song of Ascents.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

*Please stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 15.1-11

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Breaking Open the Word

Reflection

Schubert, Ave Maria

sung by Elizabeth Teed, accompanied by Fleur Smith

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in heaven,  
we give you thanks for your servant Kath.  
We praise you as we recollect her life and cherish her memory.  
We bless you that in bearing your image  
she has brought light to our lives;  
for we have seen  
in her friendship reflections of your compassion,  
in her integrity demonstrations of your goodness,  
in her faithfulness glimpses of your eternal love,  
and in her forthrightness, we have been challenged  
to do the best with the gifts we have.  
Grant to each of us, beloved and bereft,  
the grace to follow her example  
so that we with her may come to your everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who died and rose again and opened the gate of glory,  
to whom be praise for all eternity. **Amen.**

### 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

### Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

*Silence is kept.*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

If anyone sins, we have an advocate in Jesus Christ the Righteous, and he is the perfect offering for our sins.

God pardons all who turn to him in faith.

✠ Your sins are forgiven: forgive as you have been forgiven,  
and please pray for me, a sinner.

#### Hymn of Praise and Prayers

**Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
to His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore His praises sing:  
praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!  
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise Him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!  
glorious in His faithfulness.**

Father like He tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame He knows;  
in His hands He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!  
widely yet His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish,  
our God lives unchanging on.  
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!  
praise the high Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore Him,  
ye behold Him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
dwellers all in time and space,  
praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

John Goss 1800-80

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 Kathleen 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 sister 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.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you that the family and friends of our sister Kathleen 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 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.**

### The Commendation

*we stand*

Almighty God,  
in your great love  
you crafted us by your hand  
and breathed life into us by your Spirit.  
Although we became a rebellious people,  
you did not abandon us to our sin.  
In your tender mercy  
you sent your Son  
to restore in us your image.  
In obedience to your will  
he gave up his life for us,  
bearing in his body our sins on the cross.  
By your mighty power  
you raised him from the grave  
and exalted him to the throne of glory.

**Rejoicing in his victory  
and trusting in your promise  
to make alive all who turn to Christ,  
we commend Kathleen to your mercy  
and we join with all your faithful people  
and the whole company of heaven  
in the one unending song of praise:  
glory and wisdom and honour  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### The Peace

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives give I unto you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## The Assurance

Neither death nor life  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant to us, Lord God,  
to trust you not for ourselves alone,  
but also for those whom we love  
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;  
that, as we believe your power to have raised  
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,  
so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all  
who believe in him;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **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 her, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon her.**

We depart in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## The Recessional

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy: Sonata No 2 in C minor  
Allegro maestoso e vivace

Organist and Director of Music  
Dr Dianne Gome

You are cordially invited to refreshments  
as prepared by Kath's good friend  
Gabrielle Geddes  
in the Narthex.



**Kathleen**



The Church of the Resurrection  
was built as a result of the  
devastation of the district in the  
1983 Ash Wednesday Fires,  
replacing the  
*Church of the Good Shepherd, Mount Macedon*  
and  
*Holy Trinity, Macedon.*

Kath chose here today because of the inspiration of lifting her eyes to the hills (Psalm 121), the need for the cycles of life to begin again, and honouring those who have given us life: life in abundance.

We hope that you find time to enjoy our precious part of Victoria, and to share many stories about the wonderful gift of life that we knew in Kath.

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