

The Macfarlane family would like to thank you for your presence here today and for your sympathy and support.

*Thank you to Karen Dawes for leading the worship,
Kory Johnson for providing the accompaniment and
Pastor Don Roberts for his kind words.*

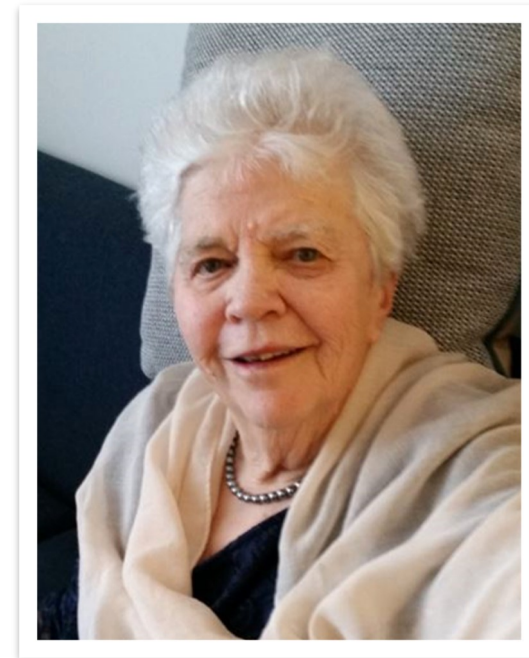
*An invitation is extended to join in refreshments after
the service at the Roma Bowls Club, 35 Lovell street.*



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*In Loving Memory of
Betty Joan Macfarlane*



6th October 1932 - 10th June 2021

St Paul's Anglican Church Roma

Monday, 21st June 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

MUSIC: *Hymns*

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome.

I am the Reverend Heather Dearden of the Roma Anglican Parish and it is my honour today to conduct this service of thanks-giving for the life of **Betty Macfarlane**. Following the service you are invited to join the family at the Roma Bowls Club for refreshments. Before we commence please check that your mobile phone is turned off or on silent.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME *(Please stand)*

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We have come together to thank God for the life of

Betty Joan Macfarlane to mourn and honour her, to lay to rest her mortal body, and to support one another in grief.

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.

HYMN

Be still and know that I am God

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I am the Lord that healeth thee.

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In You O Lord do I put my trust.

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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.

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

a The candle

Light immortal,

you brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

May we, with Betty and all the baptised,

know the full light of your risen presence. **Amen.**

*When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.*

*Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

AS WE GATHER AT THE GRAVESIDE

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy, he has given us new birth

into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. *1 Peter 1.3-4*

THE COMMITTAL

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.

We here commit the body of our dear sister **Betty**

to be buried in the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal body that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation for a final farewell with flowers *Philip Macfarlane*

MUSIC *You Raise Me Up*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Be our refuge and strength in sorrow. Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

THE FAREWELL (*please stand*)

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

Let us entrust our sister **Betty** 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 Betty 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 BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Invite the pall bearers to come forward

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.*

b Water

In the waters of baptism we died with Christ, and began to walk in newness of life. May we, with Betty and all the baptised, be brought to the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

c The Scriptures

In life Betty was nourished by the word of God. May Christ greet us, with Betty, saying: Come, blessed of my Father! Amen.

d The cross

Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sins on the cross. May this cross be a sign to us of your love for Betty, and the forgiveness of her sins. Amen.

e Family symbols *by John Macfarlane*
On behalf of the family *by Don Roberts*

EULOGY *read by Kaitlin Lyndon*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 91 read by *Jessica Macfarlane & Justine Macfarlane*

We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods. This I declare, that he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I am trusting him. For he rescues you from every trap and protects you from the fatal plague. He will shield you with his wings! They will shelter you. His faithful promises are your armor. Now you don't need to be afraid of the dark anymore, nor fear the dangers of the day; nor dread the plagues of darkness, nor disasters in the morning. Though a thousand fall at my side, though ten thousand are dying around me, the evil will not touch me. I will see how the wicked are punished, but I will not share it. For Jehovah is my refuge! I choose the God above all gods to shelter me. How then can evil overtake me or any plague come near? For he orders his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will steady you with their hands to keep you from stumbling against the rocks on the trail. You can safely meet a lion or step on poisonous snakes, yes, even trample them beneath your feet! For the Lord says, "Because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trusts in my name. When he calls on me, I will answer; I will be with him in trouble and rescue him and honor him. I will satisfy him with a full life and give him my salvation."

Psalm 84 read by *Jennifer Macfarlane*

How lovely is your Temple, O Lord of the armies of heaven.
I long, yes, faint with longing to be able to enter your courtyard and come near to the Living God. Even the sparrows and swallows are welcome to come and nest among your altars and there have their young, O Lord of heaven's armies, my King and my God! How happy are those who can live in your Temple, singing your praises.
Happy are those who are strong in the Lord, who want above all else to follow your steps. When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of springs where pools of blessing and refreshment collect after rains! They will grow constantly in strength, and each of them is invited to meet with the Lord in Zion.
O Jehovah, God of the heavenly armies, hear my prayer! Listen, God of Israel. O God, our Defender and our Shield, have mercy on the one you have anointed as your king.
A single day spent in your Temple is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a doorman of the Temple of my God than live in palaces of wickedness. For Jehovah God is our Light and our Protector. He gives us grace and glory. No good thing will he withhold from those who walk along his paths.
O Lord of the armies of heaven, blessed are those who trust in you.

Matthew 11: 25-30 read by *Don Roberts*

And Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding the truth from those who think themselves so wise, and for revealing it to little children. Yes, Father, for it pleased you to do it this way! "Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. Only the Father knows the Son, and the Father is known only by the Son and by those to whom the Son reveals him. Come to me and I will give you rest—all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke. Wear my yoke—for it fits perfectly—and let me teach you; for I am gentle and humble, and you shall find rest for your souls; for I give you only light burdens."

HOMILY *The Reverend Heather Dearden*

HYMN *Standing on holy ground*

*This is holy ground.
We're standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present and where He is, is Holy.*

*This is holy ground.
We're standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is present and where He is, is Holy.*

*We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
For we are standing in His presence on holy ground.*

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THE PRAYERS

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

(Prayers by Don Roberts)

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**