



THOSE WE
love
 DON'T GO AWAY
they walk beside us
 EVERYDAY
 UNSEEN, UNHEARD
 BUT ALWAYS NEAR
still loved
 STILL MISSED
still very dear

*Following committal at the Wallumbilla Cemetery,
 the family invites you to join them for refreshments
 at the Wallumbilla Hall*



IN LOVING
Memory
 OF Gwen



Gweneth Irene Emery

12/01/1945 - 14/07/2021

St John's Anglican Church Wallumbilla

21st July 2021 at 10 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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 Gwen Emery. Before we commence please check that your mobile phone is turned off or on silent. I invite you to join in the parts in dark type in your service booklets. *(Please stand)*

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

HYMN *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*

**The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth.**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever**

*Gerrit Gustafson | Henry Williams Baker
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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 **Gwen**
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.**

MUSIC

BLESSING

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

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HYMN *How Great Thou Art*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty 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:**

*Chorus: And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away our sin:*

*Chorus: 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 there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!*

Chorus:

Based on Carl Gustaf Boberg 1859-1940

PALL BEARERS

<i>Brendan Emery</i>	<i>Tim Emery</i>
<i>Scott Clarke</i>	<i>David King</i>
<i>David McCabe</i>	<i>Ian Walker</i>

RECESSIONAL MUSIC *The Gypsy Tap*

We have come together to thank God for the life of **Gweneth Irene Emery**, to mourn and honour her, to lay to rest her mortal body, 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.

*'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

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 *read by Alan Emery*

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PSALM 23 *read by Viv Lingard*

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, 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.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

HOMILY: *The Reverend Heather Dearden*

HYMN: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love:
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord;
And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.**

*O master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there’s despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there’s sadness, ever joy.**

O master, grant ...

**Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.**

(Johann Sebastian Templehoff 1928 -)

PRAYERS

We pray for Gwen and those who mourn

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.**

THE FAREWELL (*please stand*)

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

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