

Thanksgiving service celebrating the life of



## **Mary Isabella Barrett**

Born in Geelong on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1923

Died Geelong on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Aged 93 years

**‘Our Redeemer’ Lutheran Church  
North Geelong.**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 1.30 pm**

Service conducted by Pastor Lester Priebbenow  
Organist Margaret Tischler

## **INVOCATION:**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **REMINDER OF BAPTISM:**

God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, give you grace and peace. Baptism is the moment when God brings us into his family and his kingdom. We feel the loss of someone who was a part of our lives, but as we farewell Mary, St Paul comforts us with these words: Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

## **GREETING:**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER:**

Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, comfort us in our time of mourning, for you are the only source of true comfort, and in your love you long to comfort us. Care for us in all our grief and remind us that you are always near; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **HYMN: 387 (Psalm 23)** *'The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;'*

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| 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;<br>He makes me down to lie<br>In pastures green: He leadeth me<br>The quiet waters by.           | 2 My soul He doth restore again;<br>And me to walk doth make<br>Within the paths of righteousness,<br>E'en for His own name's sake. |
| 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,<br>Yet will I fear no ill;<br>For Thou art with me, and Thy rod<br>And staff me comfort still. | 4 My table Thou hast furnished<br>In presence of my foes;<br>My head Thou dost with oil anoint,<br>And my cup overflows.            |

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

*'Scottish Psalter', 1650. Based on Francis Rous, 1641m and others*

**REMEMBERING MARY:**

**PHOTO PRESENTATION:**

**RESPONSE:** (Revelation 14:13)

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

**"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor,  
for their deeds will follow them."**

**FIRST READING:** Hear the Word of the Lord as it is written in  
**1 Thessalonians 4:13-15, & Revelation 14:13**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.....

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"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING:** Hear the Word of the Lord as it is written in  
**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

This is the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN: 851**

*'Amazing grace'*

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

John Newton (1725-1807)

**ADDRESS:**

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God, in whose name Mary was baptised.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS:**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, in whom we live, and move, and have our being:

We thank you for Mary and what we have received from her.

Sustain us in life and death, and let perpetual light shine on us and all your faithful people.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Be with those who mourn, comfort them in their grief, and wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

We remember Mary's family, Bena, Daryl, Lyn, Rick, Peter, Scott and their immediate families.

Lighten their sense of loss with your presence, and support them in their loneliness.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Help all those who grieve to support each other, and draw them together in their sorrow.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Give those who are bereaved courage to face the future with confidence in your goodness and with hope in the victory of Christ over death.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Help us, when we are perplexed and troubled, to believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Be with us in our journey through life and teach us to live wisely, making the most of our time on earth.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, prepare us all for the world to come. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power, and take us home to your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, remember us, and help us to pray the prayer you have taught us.

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **HYMN: 854**    *'Be Still My Soul'*

1.    **Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still my soul; your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
  
2.    **Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.  
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey  
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**
  
3.    **Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you shall better know His love, His heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.  
Be still, my soul; for Jesus can repay  
from His own fullness all He takes away.**
  
4.    **Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.  
Be still my soul; when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last**

## **BLESSING :**

The Lord watch over you as you go out and as you come in, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has destroyed death and hell, and makes believers in him a new creation through resurrection. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through Mary.

In the sure hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we take the body of Mary, our sister in Christ, to its last resting place on earth.

Let us go in peace.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

**We recess as we listen to 'You'll never walk Alone'**

*by Elvis Presley*

At the conclusion of this service,  
you are invited for light refreshments in the Church Hall  
followed by a graveside service to take place at  
Geelong Eastern Cemetery. (New Ormond Road Entrance)

***Mary's family would sincerely like to thank everyone here today for their prayers, comfort and support shown to them during this time.***



### **THE SHEPHERD:**

*He called to me when I was alone.  
He said I was His, it was time to go home.  
He walked by my side through the valley deep.  
And He told me then, how He loved His sheep.*

*I feared no evil for He was with me,  
His rod and His staff were a comfort, you see.  
He led me then through paddocks green.  
And showed me the waters, calm and serene.*

*He even prepared a meal for me.  
In the presence of all my enemies.  
He anointed with oil, my weary head.  
I followed Him, where-e'er He led.*

*Showed me goodness and mercy all the way.  
He'll be with me now and every day.  
I know in His house I will always dwell.  
For I know this shepherd loves me well.*

A Poem written by Mary