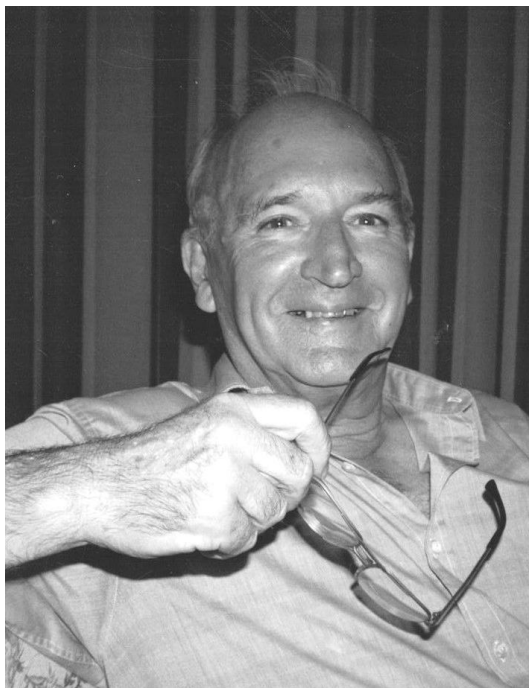


**A service to Celebrate the life and  
ministry of the Reverend Noel Delbridge**

**23.12.1923 to 12.12.2017**



**Holy Trinity Anglican Church, East Melbourne  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

***The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell  
The Reverend Heather Martin  
The Reverend Grant Edgcumbe  
The Reverend Jean Penman***

### ***Entrance Hymn:***

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world  
around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Words: The Iona Community @ 1987 Wild Goode Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland. Music Scottish traditional, arr John L Bell.*

## ***Welcome: The Vicar***

### **The Placing of the Symbols**

#### **The Candle**

Walk in the Light. May we, with Noel and all those gone before us, know the light of Your risen life. **Amen.**

#### **Water**

By water we are made new. May we, with Noel, be refreshed and renewed by Your grace. **Amen.**

#### **The Scriptures**

By the word of God we are nourished. May You greet us, with Noel, saying: Come blessed of my Father! **Amen.**

#### **The Cross**

Lord Jesus, may this cross be a sign to us of your love and forgiveness for Noel. **Amen.**

#### **The Stole**

By ordination you are a person of blessing, absolving, baptising and anointing for God's people.

#### **A red balloon**

In all things Noel, you were alert to the images, symbols and metaphors of meaning, revealing the breadth and depth of God's grace and love.

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 40.26-31**

Rowena Ferguson

### **Hymn** *Crimond*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green, He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill:  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnish'ed  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

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 Together in Song 10*

### **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20.1-16**

#### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Bishop George Hearn

For the Gospel of the Lord      **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **The Eulogies**

Chris Delbridge

Robyn, Alex, Nathan and Kim Delbridge

Stephen Delbridge

## **Time for Reflection – Incidental Music**

**Homily: Grant Edgcumbe**

## **Prayers of Intercession and Penitence**

*Prayers will be led by The Revds Clem and Stewart Taplin*

*After each petition of the prayers:*

God of grace and love

**Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with

**God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us ask his forgiveness, for he is gentle and full of compassion.

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God forgive you your sin and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

Jesus says: peace I leave with you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
Neither let them be afraid.  
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn:**

Fare well. We come to send you on the way  
we all must walk, so final, secret, strange.  
In wondering awe, in grief and hope we pray  
pilgrims of time, to one who does not change,  
whose love can lead us through the darkest night  
to life and joy in everlasting light.

No more we hear your voice or see your face,  
gone from our world, our close familiar home;  
yet one who went before prepared a place,  
his Father's house, with room for all who come,  
whose love can lead us through the darkest night  
to life and joy in everlasting light.

Now for your life, your love and labours here  
our hearts give thanks. Your spirit we commend  
to him who told his sad flock not to fear,  
“Look, I am with you all, till time shall end”,  
whose love can lead us through the darkest night  
to life and joy in everlasting light.

Far from our sight you journey: travel well.  
All still are one who hear the promise given -  
one battle joined to conquer death and hell,  
one Lord of all, on earth as now in heaven,  
whose love can lead us through the darkest night  
to life and joy in everlasting light.

*TIS 695 Michael R Thwaites*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true  
sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to  
flight.

With all your saints

**we give you thanks and praise.**

through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth  
into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading.

With all your saints

**we give you thanks and praise.**

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels  
and archangels, with Noel and all your faithful people, evermore  
praising you and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this  
bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we

who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**Rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son we here proclaim his passion and death, and his victory over the grave.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with Noel and all your faithful people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we offer our prayer and praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread and says*



Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*If you are a communicant member of another branch of the church and you would like to receive the Sacrament with us on this important occasion, you are very welcome to do so.*

### **After Communion**

Lord of life and death, we thank you that in your great love you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all your saints.

Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us a comfort in affliction, a firm assurance of his resurrection, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where death and sorrow are no more, but all things are made new.

**Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.**

**Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Hymn:**

Holy Spirit, go before us,  
every mind and heart prepare  
for good news of life in Jesus,  
for the joyful hope we share.

Gently lead the lost to safety,  
gently teach them Wisdom's way,  
till they come to seek you gladly,  
till we find the words to say.

Holy Spirit, come and help us,  
give us words to speak of Christ.  
Teach us how to tell all people:  
deepest darkness can be light!

Help us tell how faithfully God is,  
and how Jesus sets us free;  
take our words, and make them gospel,  
so that many may believe.

Holy Spirit, stay to show us  
how to serve as Christ served us.  
May our words of love be grounded  
in love's actions, first and last.

Your good news is news of justice,  
and the strong befriend the weak  
in your service, till compassion  
builds the peace the nations seek.

*Elizabeth J Smith 1956-  
(Together in Song 420)*

## THE FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

Let us entrust our brother Noel to the mercy of God.

Heavenly Father,  
By your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you  
have given us new life in Christ Jesus.  
We entrust Noel 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 coffin is sprinkled with water  
As reminder of the new life we receive through baptism.  
Incense is then used to honour Noel's mortal body  
And to symbolise the rising of our prayers.*

Go forth, Christian soul, on your journey from this world,  
In the name of God the Father who created you;  
In the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you;  
In communion with the blessed saints,  
And aided by angels and archangels and all the heavenly host.

**May your portion this day be in peace,  
And your dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

*The Bishop*

May God in his infinite love and mercy  
bring Noel and the whole Church,  
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,  
to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfillment of his eternal kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **THE COMMITAL**

*The Bishop*

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 brother Noel to be  
cremated, 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!**

May Noel and all the faithful departed,  
through the love and mercy of God,  
**rest in peace, and rise in glory.**

*Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments which will be served in  
the Church meeting room.*