

The Funeral Service
of
Mark Alan Lucas

18 February 1962 - 18 October 2023



Rev. Ian Turnnidge
Rev. Alexandra Sangster
Hymn Pianist: Grace Brisbane-Webb

Fairfield Uniting Church - St Andrews
Friday 3rd November 2023 @ 1pm

Music Arrival

Georgina Lewis, Martin Ball

Music to Commence

Guide Me O Thy Great Jehovah

Grace Brisbane-Webb

Words of Welcome

Rev Ian Turnnidge

Acknowledgement to Country

Opening Prayers and Words of Assurance

Rev Alexandra Sangster

John 14: 1-4, 27

Opening Hymn

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

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?

Chorus: *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 word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Chorus:**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend 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? **Chorus:**

The Readings

Psalm 139: 1-12

Richard Baker, Nick Woodruff

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Romans 8: 28, 31b-32, 35, 38-39

Hayley Rivers

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.
If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eulogies

When I am Amongst the Trees - Mary Oliver
Career and Professional Life

Rev. Alexandra Sangster
Susan Rolfe & Ben D'Arcy

Music Interlude

Salut d'Amour (Love's Farewell)
Danny Boy (Traditional)

Matthew Lucas & Georgi Lewis
Matthew and Grace Lucas

Eulogies

Prue Lewarne
Sophie and Grace Lucas
Janice Lucas

Photographic Tribute

'I've Been Waiting For You' –

Mamma Mia 'Here We Go Again'

Hymn

Lord is My Shepherd

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 furnished
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.

Prayers of the People

Libby Bunyan & Lynda Boulden

Prayer with Music

- ...come bring light to your prayer this day
- ...come, take a moment and make a garden with Mark

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Grace Lucas and Georgi Lewis - Spiegel im Spiegel - Arvo Pärt

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The Lord's Prayer

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Commendation & Committal

Rev. Alexandra Sangster

Words on Departure

Rev. Ian Turnnidge

Blessing

Written by the Rev Dr. Peta Sherlock

Hymn on Departure

Great God, your Spirit like the Wind

Georgi Lewis

Great God, your Spirit, like the wind
unseen but shaking things we see
will never leave us undisturbed
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,
until we turn from faithless fear
and prove the promise of your grace
in justice, peace and daily bread
with joy for all the human race.

Lord, shake us with the force of love,
to rouse us from our dreadful sleep;
remove our hearts of stone, and give
new hearts of flesh, to break and weep
for all your children in distress
and dying for the wealth we keep.
Help us prevent, while we have time,
the blighted harvest greed must reap.

And then, in your compassion, give
your Spirit like the gentle rain,
creating fertile ground from which
your peace and justice
spring like grain;
until your love is satisfied,
with all creation freed from pain,
and all your children live to praise
your will fulfilled, your presence plain.

Music on Departure

Georgi Lewis and Martin Ball

Pall Bearers:

Matthew Lucas, Marcus Guzowski,
Richard Baker, Nick Woodruff

Mark's family would like to thank you all for your support.

Please join them for refreshments after the service.

Mark will be privately cremated.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to support these organisations
important to Mark and his family:

the National Breast Cancer Foundation – nbcf.org.au

Parkinson's Australia – parkinsons.org.au

UNHCR or in Australia – unrefugees.org.au

