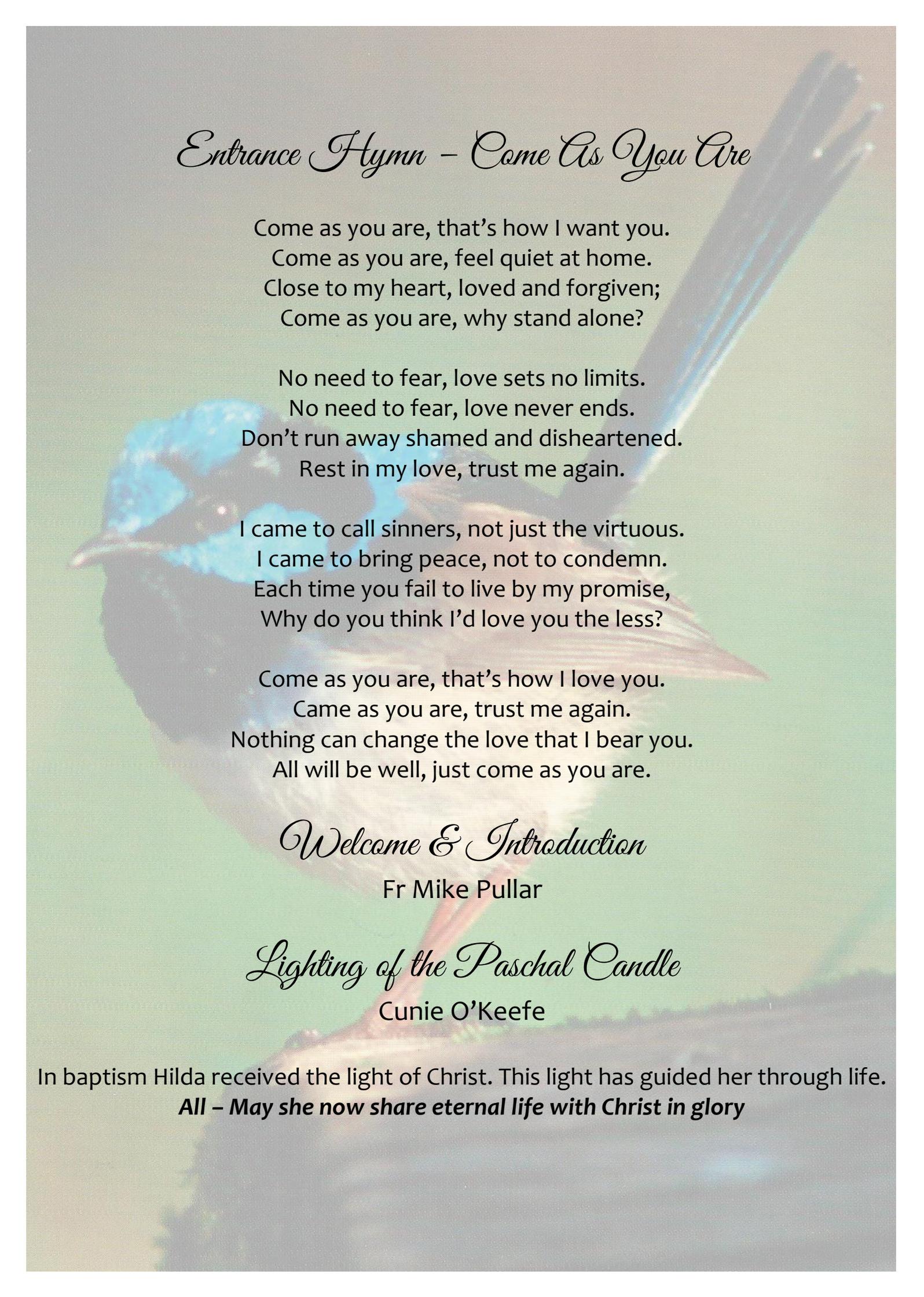


Hilda Sammon

April 7th 1919 - October 5th 2017

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Entrance Hymn – Come As You Are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quiet at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

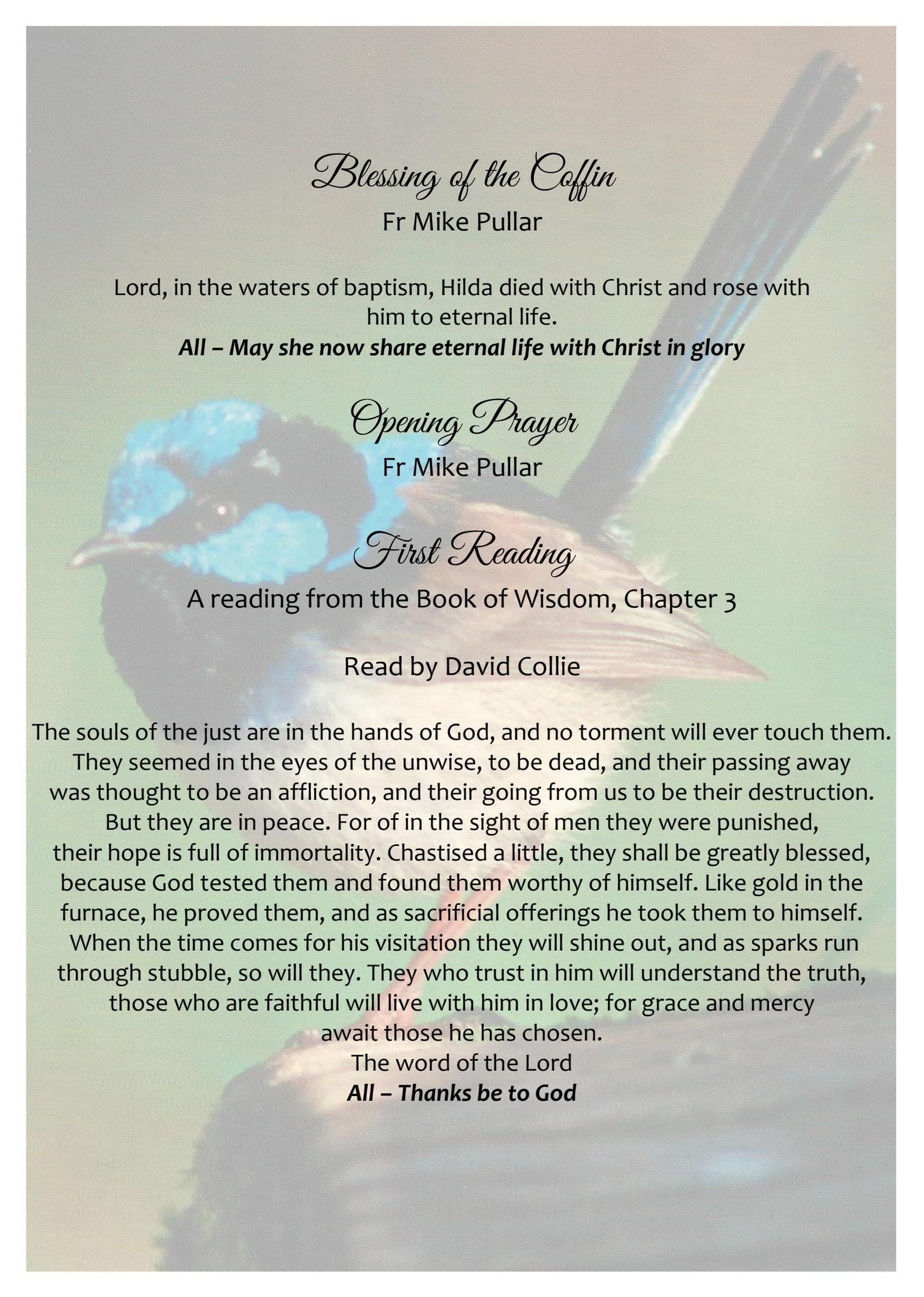
Welcome & Introduction

Fr Mike Pullar

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Cunie O'Keefe

In baptism Hilda received the light of Christ. This light has guided her through life.
All – May she now share eternal life with Christ in glory

A blue bird, possibly a flycatcher, is shown in flight against a light, hazy background. The bird is positioned on the left side of the page, with its wings spread and its tail feathers visible. The overall tone of the image is soft and ethereal.

Blessing of the Coffin

Fr Mike Pullar

Lord, in the waters of baptism, Hilda died with Christ and rose with him to eternal life.

All – May she now share eternal life with Christ in glory

Opening Prayer

Fr Mike Pullar

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom, Chapter 3

Read by David Collie

The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

They seemed in the eyes of the unwise, to be dead, and their passing away was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction.

But they are in peace. For of in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Like gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out, and as sparks run through stubble, so will they. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord

All – Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – The Lord Is My Shepherd

Paul Gurr

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever he leads me wherever he goes.
Over the mountains the waters and byways
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

*I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love
The Lord is my shepherd
and I want to follow
wherever he leads me
wherever he goes.*

And while on the journey to where we are going,
He promised to be there, to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together
to know all the wonders he's given to me

Second Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy, Chapter 4

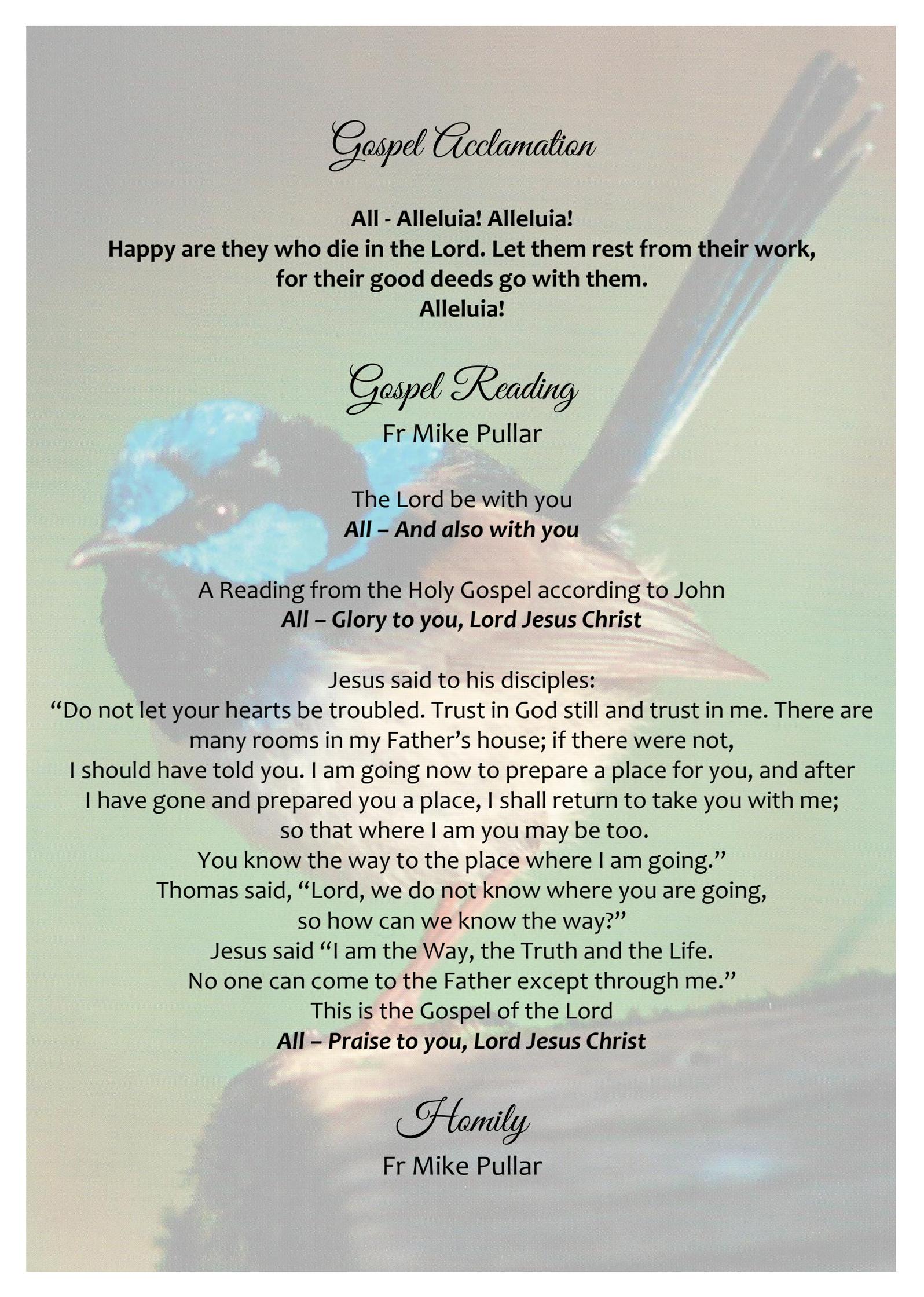
Read by Kevin O'Keefe

Be always careful to choose the right course; be brave under trials. Perform your whole duty as a servant of God. As for me, my life is already being poured away as an offering and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish. I have kept the faith.

All that there is to come now is the crown reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day; and not only to me but to all who wait with faith for his appearing.

The word of the Lord

All – Thanks be to God

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Gospel Acclamation

All - Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Happy are they who die in the Lord. Let them rest from their work,
for their good deeds go with them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Fr Mike Pullar

The Lord be with you

All - And also with you

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All - Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus said “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Family

Fr Mike Pullar

Prayers of the Faithful

Fr. Mike Pullar

For Hilda, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Helen Harris

We Pray for Hilda who lived her life for her faith, family and community. We give thanks for the love and support she has given us all. Lord hear us.

All – Lord hear our prayer

Helen Harris

Lord, we give thanks for the wonderful care and attention that the staff at St. Catherine's gave Hilda. Lord hear us.

All – Lord hear our prayer

Helen Harris

Lord, we thank you for the wonderful care extended to Hilda by her doctors especially Dr. Clements. Lord hear us.

All – Lord hear our prayer

Tricia McGuire

Lord, remember Hilda's parents Richard and Ellen Sammon, her brother Eric and her sisters Gladys, Greta, Sheila and Dorothy all deceased. We pray for all who have lost loved ones, that they will find peace. Lord hear us.

All – Lord hear our prayer

Tricia McGuire

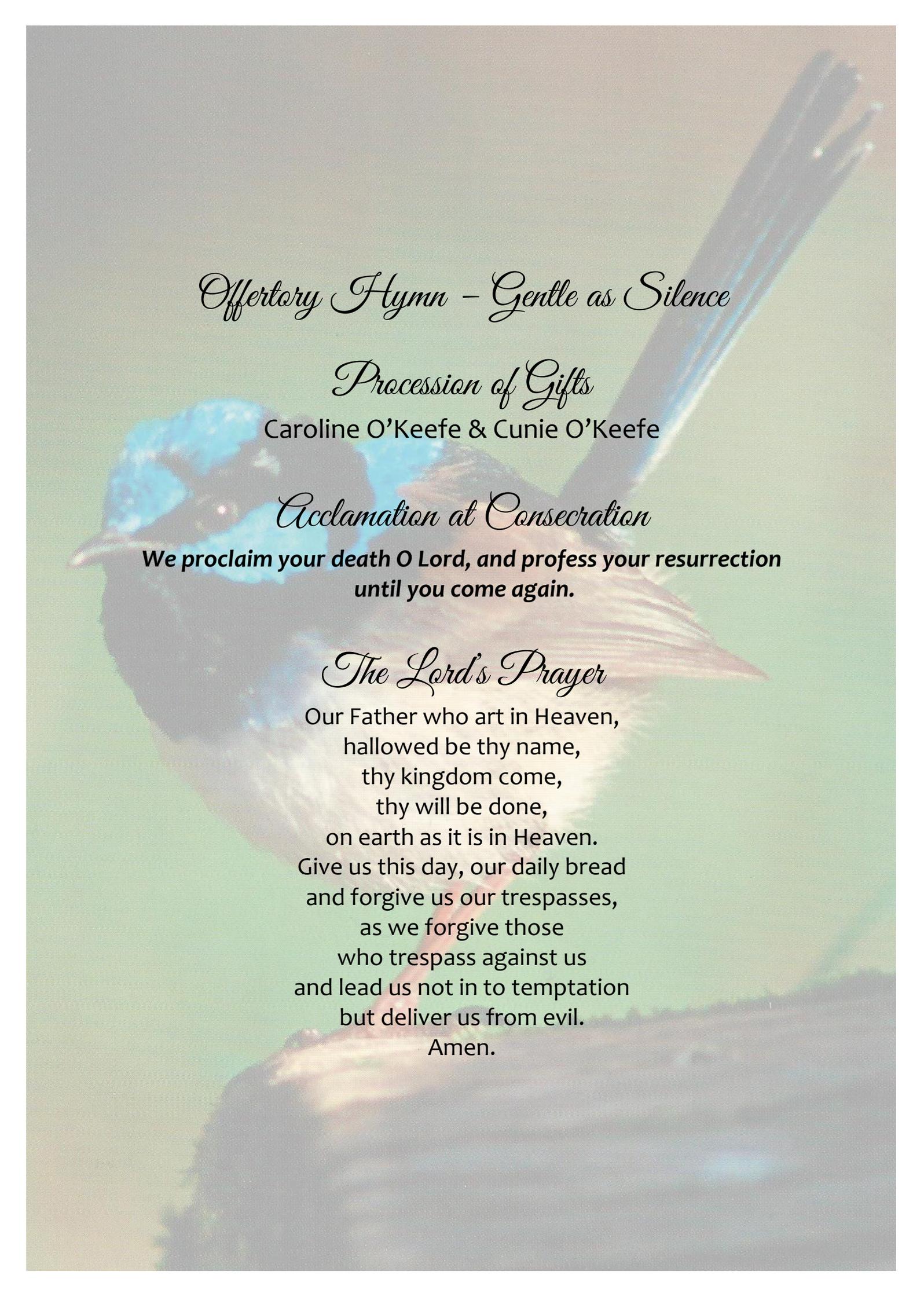
We pray for Hilda's sister Carmel, who is with us today and also for Hilda's dear friend Patricia Fitzpatrick. Lord hear us.

All – Lord hear our prayer

Fr Mike Pullar

Lord, we ask you to deepen our faith beyond this earthly life, your life of eternal happiness and peace awaits those who have lived according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord .

All - Amen

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Offertory Hymn – Gentle as Silence

Procession of Gifts

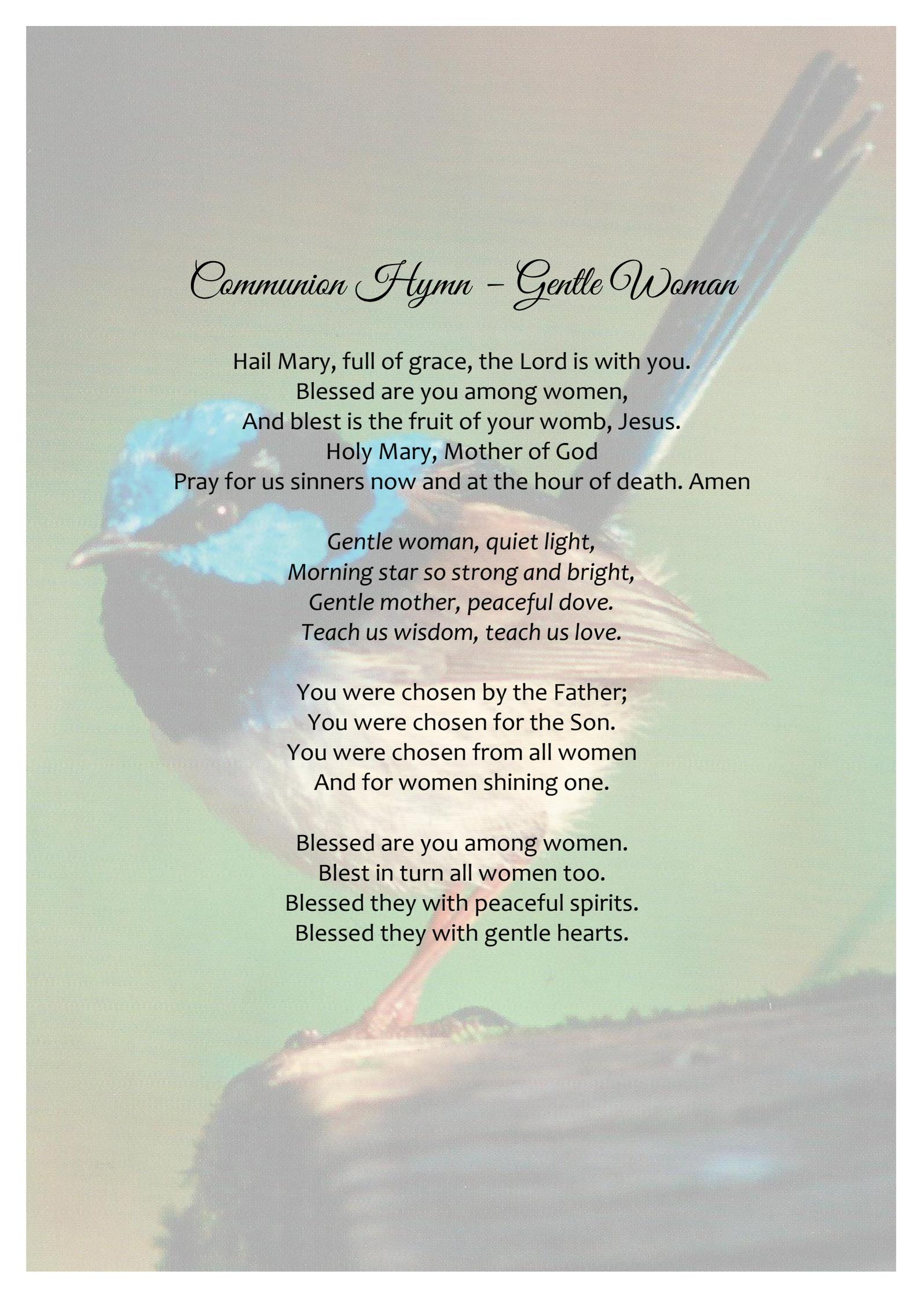
Caroline O'Keefe & Cunie O'Keefe

Acclamation at Consecration

**We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection
until you come again.**

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 in to temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

A blue bird, possibly a blue tit, is perched on a dark branch. The bird's feathers are a vibrant blue, and its tail is visible, showing a mix of blue and brown. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a light sky and a dark horizon line. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Communion Hymn – Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
And blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen

*Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star so strong and bright,
Gentle mother, peaceful dove.
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.*

You were chosen by the Father;
You were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
And for women shining one.

Blessed are you among women.
Blest in turn all women too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.



Final Commendation and Farewell

Fr Mike Pullar

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Hilda. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her when the love of Christ, which conquers all things and destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to her aid!
Hasten to meet her, angels of the lord.

All – Receive her soul and present her to God the most high

Hilda, may Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

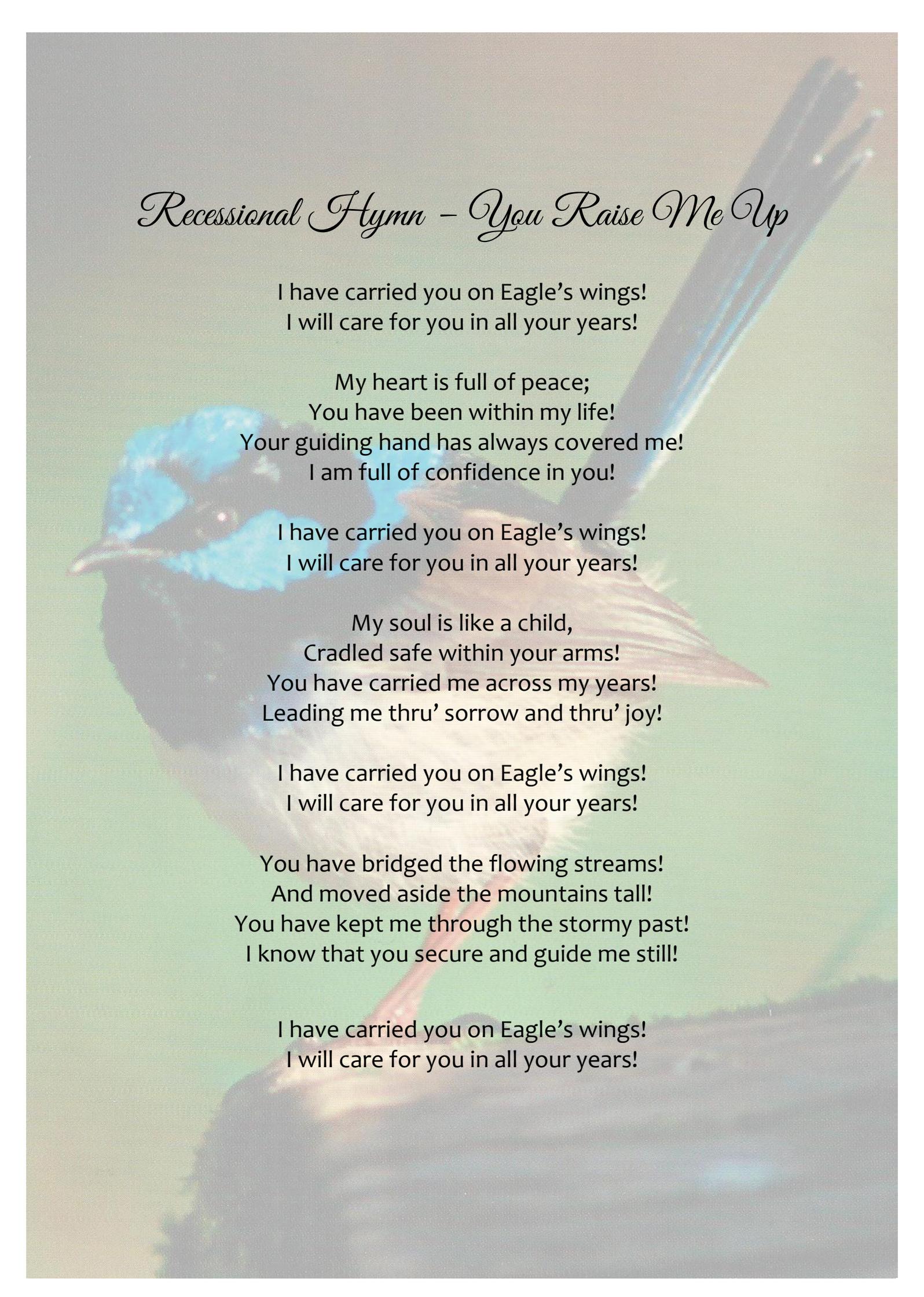
All – Receive her soul and present her to God the most high

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

All – Receive her soul and present her to God the most high

Final Prayer

Fr Mike Pullar



Recessional Hymn - You Raise Me Up

I have carried you on Eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!

My heart is full of peace;
You have been within my life!
Your guiding hand has always covered me!
I am full of confidence in you!

I have carried you on Eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!

My soul is like a child,
Cradled safe within your arms!
You have carried me across my years!
Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy!

I have carried you on Eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!

You have bridged the flowing streams!
And moved aside the mountains tall!
You have kept me through the stormy past!
I know that you secure and guide me still!

I have carried you on Eagle's wings!
I will care for you in all your years!

A blue bird, possibly a blue tit, is perched on a dark, textured branch. The bird is facing left, with its head slightly turned towards the viewer. Its feathers are a vibrant blue, and its beak is a pale, yellowish-brown. The background is a soft, hazy mix of light blue and green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Reflection

*God grant us the serenity
To accept the things we cannot change,
Courage to change the things we can
And the wisdom to know the difference.*

Casket Bearers

Kevin O'Keefe
Brian Sammon
Gavan O'Keefe
Peter Collie
David Collie
Gary Hogan

Hilda's family would like to express their gratitude for your presence here today.

Following Mass Hilda will be laid to rest at the Wangaratta General Cemetery.

You are then warmly invited to join the family for refreshments in the Memories Room at Mason Park.