

*Celebrating the life of*



***Bernice***  
***COLOMBAGE***

*23rd May, 1921 - 15th October, 2017*

***Holy Trinity Anglican Church***

*14 Keck Street, Flora Hill*

*12 noon Friday, 20th October, 2017*

***Celebrant: Archdeacon Greg Harris***

***Organist: Campbell McCullough***



# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Welcome, Prayer & Sentences of Scripture:** *Archdeacon Greg Harris*

God our Father, You alone are holy. Forgive us now our wrongs and failures.  
Strengthen us by Your Spirit. Help us at this time to show compassion.

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.

**All: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** Psalm 23 - The Lord's My Shepherd (*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,  
E'en 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.

**Eulogy:** *Chandralal Colombage*

**Family Tributes:** *Grandchildren*



## Hymn:

### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
The vain delights that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small';  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Bible Readings:

Psalm 46:1-7 & 10 *Read by Daryl Hinton*

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar and kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.



**Matthew 25:14-21** *Read by Bruce Bartley*

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share in your master's happiness!'

**John 11:17-27** *Read by Emily Colombage*

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 'Lord', Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day'.

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whomever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she told him, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.'



**Reflection:**

His Eye is on the Sparrow *Read by Hiranthi Perera*

Why should I feel discouraged  
and why should shadows come?  
And why should my heart be lonely  
and long for Heaven and home?

When Jesus is my portion  
my constant friend is He.  
His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know he watches me.

And I sing because I'm happy  
and I sing because I'm free.  
His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know he watches me.

**Prayers:**

*Archdeacon Greg Harris*

*(All Say Together)*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 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:**

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death. O Lord abide with me.

**Blessing:**

*Archdeacon Greg Harris*

**Recessional Song:** A Mother as Lovely as You (Vin DeAraugo)



*'In quietness and trust is your strength'*

*Isaiah 30:15*

### **FROM THE FATHER'S HEART**

*My child, deep below the turbulent ocean's depths  
is a region marked by silence and serenity.  
Likewise, nestled deep in the eye of the "storms" you face is a place of rest.  
For wherever I am, there you can find serenity.  
No matter what is going on in your life,  
regardless of the confusion around you, I never change.  
And I will give you that peace for the asking.*

### **A GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

*Lord, Your serenity calms my spirit daily.  
In the quiet moments of my life, I find the strength to persevere.  
In the silent spaces of my heart where You speak,  
faith finds a resting place.  
Thinking of You chases every worry and fear away  
and brings peace in every situation.*

### **SIMPLE TRUTH**

*In the eye of the storm, God whispers peace to our hearts.*



Hiranthi & Travis, Chandralal & Charmian and Sushama together with their families, would like to thank you all for your comfort, support and presence here today as they celebrate the life of their much loved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother,

## *Bernice Colombage*



At the conclusion of the Service, Bernice's family warmly invites you to join them here at the Holy Trinity Parish Foyer for Light Refreshments.

A Cremation Service will then be held at the Bendigo Crematorium Chapel, 5 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk commencing at 3.00 pm.



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