

Alf Richardson

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Entrance Music
Pachelbel Canon in D Major

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayers
Rev John van Riet

Hymn
Morning Has Broken by Cat Stevens

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness, where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation, of the new day.

Bible Reading
Psalm 121

Poem
Close the Gate
Read by Amy Retell

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head;
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.

Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended;
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.

You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son;
Hang up your shovel inside of the shed; your work here on earth is done.

A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way;
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.

Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine;
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.

You always believed that the good Lord would provide, and He always had somehow;
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.

Your labour is done, your home is now heaven. No more must you wait.

Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.

Eulogy

Robyn Richardson and Craig Richardson

CFA Tribute

Life in Pictures

Accompanied by My Way sung by Frank Sinatra

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 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 forever. Amen.

Commendation & Blessing

Recessional Music

We'll Meet Again by Vera Lynn

Alf's family would like to thank you for your love, support and your presence here today.

At the conclusion of the Service, you are invited to join together for light refreshments in the Uniting Church Hall.

