

FUNERAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE
OF



Doris Maude Stafford

90 yrs

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at

Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta

5th June 2008 at 10.30 am

Officiate:

The Very Reverend Michael O'Brien

STAND FOR THE ENTRANCE AND PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

HYMN

1 O PERFECT Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,
That theirs may be the love that knows no ending
Whom thou for evermore dost join in one.

2 O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope, and quiet brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.

3 Grant them the joy that brightens earthly sorrow,
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life.
DOROTHY F. GURNEY 1858-1932



Grace and peace from the Lord be with you
And also with you

(Let us pray) **Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
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. Amen**

Eulogy: family

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 **He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name, sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me, your rod and staff comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup

- will be full.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and loving kindness will follow
me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

READING: Proverbs 31: 10-31

SERMON

PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH:

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 forever. AMEN**

HYMN

1 O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works, Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r through out the universe displayed,
Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Refrain

3 And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on that cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Refrain

Let us entrust our sister Maude to the mercy of God.

**Heavenly and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life
in Christ Jesus.**

**We entrust Maude 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 Prayer of Commendation, then

Rest Eternal grant to her O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine on her.
May she rest in peace. **AMEN**



With Thanks

The family would like to acknowledge those family and friends who could not be here in person.

We thank you all for being with us today. We appreciate all your kind expressions of sympathy and thank you most sincerely for being with us at this time.

We invite you to share in the service that will follow at Wangaratta cemetery, and then to share in some refreshments at Garlick's Memorial Chapel after the service at the graveside.

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