A Service of Thanksgiving for, And Celebration of the life of **Dr. Paul Martin Appleby** 1st February 1979 - 14th December 2012

Service conducted by the Rev Greg Footit 10.30am Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 St. Columb's Anglican Church Hawthorn

## Blessing and dismissal

The casket will now be removed from the building with appropriate music (Pink Floyd "Shine On You Crazy Diamond.") Helium filled balloons are available for releasing by the children. The family would like to sincerely thank you for your kind thoughts and prayerful attendance here today. You are invited to join them in the hall for light refreshments.

All scripture passages have been taken from The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version. 1989. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

# **Gathering In God's Name**

Hymn: Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me his praise should sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Welcome

#### Some sentences of Scripture and response said together:

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.

## A Eulogy for Paul:

## A Time of Reflection and Photographic Presentation

(The accompanying music is a piece Paul played when he returned to piano lessons as an adult. "Gymnopedie #1" – Erik Satie, and Peter Gabriel: "The Blood of Eden")

### **Ministry of the Word**

Lamentation 3:22-24 – Josh Flynn

- <sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
- they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,"therefore I will hope in him."

# **Great is Thy Faithfulness** Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### REFRAIN

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### Refrain

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The Doxology of Romans 11:33-36

#### The Prayers

Various Prayers will now be offered by Paul's Godparents: Syd and Fran Boydell and Marilyn Hughes, concluding with "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.

#### **Prayer of Farewell and of Committal**

A prayer of farewell will now be offered by the minister, to which we respond,

Holy 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 Paul 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 forever. Amen.

#### Psalm 89:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
- <sup>4</sup> 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.' "
- <sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
- <sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
- a God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and awesome above all that are around him?
- <sup>8</sup> O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O
  Lord? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

#### **Reflection on the readings: Rev Greg and Sharon Footit**

Blessed be Your Name Beth Redman & Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise And when the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

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Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me When the world's "all as it should be" Blessed be Your name And blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise And when the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

Refrain (X2)

You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name (2X)

#### Refrain

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