



Geoffrey William Strachan

4th April 1945 – 7th October 2023



MUSIC: “On Eagle’s Wings” (Michael Crawford)

GREETING: Father Raymond Bugeja

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

LIGHTING OF CANDLE:

Lisa

Priest: With the lighting of the candle, we pray that Geoff will be received into the full light of God’s glory. Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

All: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER:

Father Raymond Bugeja

Priest: On the day of his Baptism, Geoff was born again of water and the Holy Spirit.

May this life open into the eternal glory of heaven with God and the Saints.

Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

All: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

PLACING OF THE BAPTISMAL PALL:

Lisa and Raewyn

Priest: On the day of his Baptism, Geoff was clothed in Christ.

May He enfold him in His love and clothe him in glory.

Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

All: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

PLACING OF FLOWERS: Lisa and Raewyn

PLACING OF LIFE SYMBOLS: Geoff's Grandchildren –
Nathan, Paige and Teagan

EULOGY: Warren and Robert

PHOTO PRESENTATION: Oi Lei Susi (Biuta Tu Na Koro)

OPENING PRAYER:

Priest: Into our hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Geoff. In this life you embraced him with your tender love; deliver him now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome him then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 - Corinthians 15:20-23 - read by Diahana (Sit)

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 'The Lord Is My Shepherd' (visual)

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



All: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord
Blessed indeed, let them rest from their labours
For their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 14: 1 – 6

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:
Don't 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,
I shall return to take you,
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'.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: Father Raymond Bugeja (Sit)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: - read by Louisa & Lily (Stand)

Priest: Let us place before God, our loving Father, these prayers that are close to our hearts.
In Baptism Geoff received the light of Christ.
Let us pray that God will watch over Geoff,
And lead him over the waters of death.
We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may call Geoff to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may establish Geoff in light and peace.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: We make these prayers through Jesus Christ your Son.

All: Amen.

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 into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION:

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed for Geoff and now we come to the last farewell.
There is sadness in parting but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see him again, and enjoy his friendship and beautiful smile.
Although we will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His kingdom.
Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

All pray in silence as the coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water.

PRAYER OF FAREWELL:

Priest: I am the Resurrection and the Life

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

Priest: Whoever believes in Me, even though that person dies, he shall live.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

Priest: Whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

Priest: Let us take Geoff to his place of rest.

All: I am the Resurrection and the Life

RSL TRIBUTE:



RECESSIONAL MUSIC: "How Great Thou Art" (Katherine Jenkins)

Following the service, Geoff will be laid to rest at a Private Family Burial at Drysdale Cemetery.

The Strachan family would like to thank you for your attendance here today to celebrate Geoff's life.

Following the service, they would like to welcome everyone to the Drysdale RSL for light refreshments.

