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Readers:

Revd Joanna Hall

The Eulogies:

Chris,
Robyn,
Alex,
Nathan,
Kim &
Stephen

The Homily:

Reverend Grant Edgcumbe
Vicar of Holy Trinity

Prayers:

Revd Ray &
Glenys McInnes

Organist

Dr Laurie Moore

Entrance Hymn: TIS 188

Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.

Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.

Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.

Now, people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

Elizabeth J Smith 1956 - Recent recipient of the Lambeth Medal for Liturgy

Welcome - the vicar

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Placing of the Symbols

The Candle

Light immortal, you brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.. May we, with Zoë and all the baptised, know the full light of your risen presence. **Amen.**

Water

In the waters of baptism we died with Christ, and began to walk in newness of life. May we, with Zoë and the baptised, be brought to the fulfillment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

The Scriptures

In life Zoë was nourished by the word of God. May Christ greet us, with Zoë, saying: Come blessed of my Father! **Amen.**

The Cross

Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sins on the cross. may this cross be a sign to us of your love for Zoë and the forgiveness of her sins. **Amen.**

The Blue Wren

All creation sings of the wonders of Life and Zoe cherished the beauty around her, especially the Wren and the Kookaburra, may we too with her giving thanks for this gift of Life. **Amen**

The Ministry Of The Word

A reading from the Letter to the 1 John 3

Revd Joanna Hall

Hymn *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, ev'n 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 furnish'ed, 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.

Scottish Psalter 1650 Together in Song 10

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John 14.1-12
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

For the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Eulogies

Chris, Robyn, Alex, Nathan, Kim & Stephen

Following the Eulogies and during some music please feel free to come forward and light a candle in memory of Zoë.

The Homily: Reverend Grant Edgcumbe – Vicar of Holy Trinity

Prayers of Intercession and Penitence

Prayers will be led by Revd Ray and Glenys McInnes

After each petition of the prayers:

God of grace and love

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with

God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us ask his forgiveness, for he is gentle and full of compassion.

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God forgive you your sin and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

Jesus says: peace I leave with you.
Not as the world gives do I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
Neither let them be afraid.
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: - TIS 188

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
Hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
Waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
Lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
Nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
Waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
Nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
Gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
She is the key opening the scriptures,
Enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

John Bell 1949, Graham Maude 1958, TIS 418

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice
for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a
living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and
archangels, with Zoe and all your faithful people, evermore praising you and
saying,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and
wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink
them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you
thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son we here proclaim his passion and death, and his victory over the grave.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with Zoë and all your faithful people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we offer our prayer and praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread and says

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Communicant members of every church are welcome to receive the Sacrament with us on this important occasion.

After Communion

Lord of life and death, we thank you that in your great love you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all your saints.

Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us a comfort in affliction, a firm assurance of his resurrection, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where death and sorrow are no more, but all things are made new.

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.

Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn:

TIS 613

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek 1901-53 TIS 613

THE FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

Reverend Grant Edgcumbe

Let us entrust our sister Zoë to the mercy of God:

Heavenly Father,

By your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.

We entrust Zoe 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 coffin is sprinkled with water
As reminder of the new life we receive through baptism.*

Go forth, Christian soul, on your journey from this world,

In the name of God the Father who created you;

In the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you;

In communion with the blessed saints,

And aided by angels and archangels and all the heavenly host.

May your portion this day be in peace,

And your dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God in his infinite love and mercy

bring Zoë and the whole Church,

living and departed in the Lord Jesus,

to a joyful resurrection

and the fulfillment of his eternal kingdom;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE COMMITAL

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.

We here commit the body of our dear sister Zoë to be cremated, earth to
earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
and who shall change our mortal body
that it may be like his glorious body.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!**

May Zoë and all the faithful departed,
through the love and mercy of God,

Rest in peace, and rise in glory.

*Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments which will be served in the
Church meeting room*

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Thank you Mum for your love and care to us
and to so many.

You shared the journey with your nearest
and dearest, and with so many you met
along the way, maybe for a short
while or maybe for a lifetime.

Rest in Peace good and faithful Zoe.



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