

An Order of Service  
for the Funeral of  
**Alfred Taylor**

Celebrant: Fr Frederik Le Mesurier,  
Assistant Curate, Parish of Griffith

**Music :** *Chandelier of Stars – John Williamson*

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The celebrant offers words of welcome*

We have come together  
to thank God for the life of Alfred,  
to mourn and honour him,  
to lay to rest his mortal body,  
and to support one another in grief.

Together, in faith and hope, we turn to God,  
the creator and sustainer of all that lives.

*The Sentence*

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live, and those who live and believe in me will never die." -

*John 11.25-26*

Let us pray.

We remember, Lord, the slenderness  
of the thread which separates Life from Death,  
and the suddenness with which it can be broken.

Help us also to remember that on both sides of that division  
we, and those we love, are surrounded by your embrace.

Persuade our hearts that, when our loved ones die,  
neither we nor they are parted from you.

In you may we find our peace,  
and in you be united with them in the glorious body of Christ,  
who has burst the bonds of Death and is alive for evermore:  
for he is our Saviour, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A tribute from Kerrie Andreazza*

**Music:** *Looking Forward Looking Back – Slim Dusty*

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*Psalm 23, read by alternate verses, as marked.*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

**he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right pathways**

**for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk

through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me**

**in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**and my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*A reading from John 14. 1-6*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Celebrant offers Prayers of Thanksgiving for Alfred’s Life.,  
Followed by the Lord’s Prayer*

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.**

and now lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FAREWELL

Let us entrust our brother Alfred to the mercy of God.  
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 Alfred to your merciful keeping:  
in the faith of Jesus Christ,  
who died and rose again to save us,

## THE COMMITTAL

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 brother Alfred  
to be buried in the ground from which we came.  
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**  
Rest Eternal grant unto him O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon him.**  
May he rest in peace, and rise in glory. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**  
Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

**Music:** *Memories and Dreams – Slim Dusty*