

We affirm: Love believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things...

Love never ends... Faith, hope, love abide...

But the greatest of these is love.

Love has gathered us

And love lets us depart

With renewed faith and hope.

PRAYER

***We sing:* Give Thanks For Life**

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks for those whose lives shone with a light
caught from the Christ-flame, gleaming through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks for all, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
'a love not changed by time or death or dread:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope that, like the seed of grain
lying in darkness, does its life retain
to rise in glory, growing green again:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish

Christ Centered - Community Serving

Service of Memories

*“Sorrow is one of the vibrations that proves the
fact of living.”*

Antoine de Saint-Expuery, 20th century

Waikanae

**Thursday 27 October 2024
at 2.00pm**



Minister: Rev. Peter Jackson

Organist: Heather Cameron

Service for lost loved ones from
October 2023 to October 2024
including:

Anne Stewart
Jean Fink
Alison Vautier
Pat Drummond
Michael Carmichael
Joan Brooks
Fred McCausland
Judith Cunningham
Rema Clark
Barry Brooks
Thelma Vaggers
Shirley Horne
Robert O'Connor
Aldous McIvor
Catherine Marshall

Hymn TIS123

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore
the trust and hope that strengthened you before.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

We hear the promise of Christ as told to us by St John

“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.”

The thanksgiving

The names of those that have passed away
between October 2023 and October 2024
are read

Anne Stewart	Rema Clark
Jean Fink	Barry Brooks
Alison Vautier	Thelma Vaggers
Pat Drummond	Shirley Horne
Michael Carmichael	Robert O'Connor
Joan Brooks	Aldous McIvor
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WELCOME

Welcome to this Service of Remembrance
for our loved ones who have died, whom we mourn
and whom we honour in this service

Taize chant: TIS706 Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

Our readings are:

John 11:25-26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.^[a] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Rom 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We remain seated and sing:

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

PRAYER



May understanding go with us and peace too that
we may live on compassionately, peacefully and
with joy and so be a blessing to others even as the
one we came to honour this night was a deep
blessing to us.

We remain seated and sing: FFS50

Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory,
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God sees with love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding,
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fullness,
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in its goodness.

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