A Memorial Service

to give thanks for the life of



Bernice Heydon Robinson

12 July 1931

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20 September 2026

St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

Thursday 1st October at 2.00 p.m.

Please ensure that mobile phones are turned to silent or off.

Officiant: *The Reverend Dr Callum Dawson*
Organist: *Mr John Malinson*

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Gathering in God's Name

The Officiant greets the congregation:

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please sit

Other words of welcome and prayer are offered, including sentences of Scripture. We then pray 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.

All stand to sing the hymn:

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
   in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
   most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
   almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
   nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
   your justice like mountains high soaring above
   your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small;
   in all life now living, the true life of all;
   we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
   then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
   your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
   of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart –
   take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
   what hides you is only the splendour of light
   and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
   through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)
Music: Together in Song (143)

Tribute and Reflection

A tribute to Bernice will be offered by
Jen Sanders and James Robinson

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First reading:

Read by Tony Robinson

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

At the end, the reader says:

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Second Reading:

Read by Richard Sanders, George Robinson & John Robinson

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb…. Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20.1, 11-18

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The Officiant delivers a brief homily.

The Prayers

Prayers are offered by the Officiant, concluding with:

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 forever.
Amen.

All stand to sing the hymn:

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
   to his feet your tribute bring.
   Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
   who like me his praise should sing?
   Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
   praise the everlasting king!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
   to his people in distress;
   praise him still the same for ever,
   slow to chide and swift to bless:
   praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
   glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
   well our feeble frame he knows;
   in his hands he gently bears us,
   rescues us from all our foes:
   praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
   widely as his mercy flows!

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
   blows the wind and it is gone;
   but while mortals rise and perish,
   God endures unchanging on.
   praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
   praise the high eternal one!

5. 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:
   praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
   praise with us the God of grace!

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
Music: Together in Song (134)

The Farewell

A prayer is offered.

We then join in the following prayer:

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 Bernice Robinson 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 Blessing and Dismissal

A prayer is offered and then the Officiant pronounces a blessing to which all respond:

Amen.

Jen, Tony, James and all of Bernice's family thank you
for your presence here today, and for your loving concern
and friendship over many years.

You are most welcome to join them at
8 Gordon Street, Toorak for refreshments,
to continue the celebration of Bernice's life,
and to share memories of her.

