



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL MELBOURNE



St John

The Funeral and Thanksgiving for the Life of **Craig Reid**



24 February 1966–26 July 2025
Friday, 8 August 2025, 2.30pm

SERVICE LEADERS

President and Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe CStJ,
Dean of Melbourne, Priory Dean of St John Australia.

Assisting Clergy: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai.

Organist: Mrs Roslyn Carolane, Assistant Organist.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We meet on land that was taken, not ceded—the Sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We give thanks for their ancestors, acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country, and pay our respects to all First Peoples here today.

BEFORE THE SERVICE

At 1pm, the Dean receives Craig into the Cathedral, praying

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord.

‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.’

St John 11.25

St Paul says: ‘I am convinced
that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, 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.’

Romans 8.38-39

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you destroyed the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. As we remember before you Craig, we ask your help for all who will meet in his memory. Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace, by the Spirit you have given us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Viewing takes place in the Ascension Chapel from 1-1.45pm.

Please put your phones to silent mode.

*Please join in singing the hymns and saying the responses printed in **bold** type.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand to sing

THE INTROIT HYMN

1 A - ma - zing— grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a—
wretch like me! I once— was lost, but now— am—
found, was blind, but— now I see.

²
**'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

³
**Through many dangers,
toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

⁴
**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

John Newton (1725-1807)
Australian Hymn Book 5645

THE GREETING

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We have come together
to thank God for the life of Craig Reid,
to mourn and honour him,
and to support one another in grief.

We face the certainty
of our own death and judgement.
Yet Christians believe
that those who die in Christ
share eternal life with him.

Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,
who created and sustains us all.

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated for

THE TRIBUTES

Kevin Wilson, *Ron Wilson's Removals*

Gordon Botwright, *CEO of St John Ambulance Victoria*

Cindy Rella, *Mornington CEF Players*

Adam Smith

Darcy Tuininga, *Craig's honorary nephew*

Rumi Reid, *Craig's nephew*

Ward Reid, *Craig's brother*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Lewis Capaldi (b. 1996), 'Someone you loved'

during which images from Craig's life are shown

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE READING

Ecclesiastes 3.1-9

Read by Kim Davies

A reading from the third chapter of Ecclesiastes.

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Read by Bridgette Parent

Craig Reid, *Plato's Cave*

When Ward and I were married back in 2011, the theme of our wedding was 'Love is the only Reality'.

Craig, being the thoughtful philosopher he was, offered his own interpretation of this theme from the late Nobel prize winning poet, Rabindranath Tagore who said: 'Love is the only reality and it is not a mere sentiment. It is the ultimate truth that lies at the heart of creation':

'Plato defines love between people as being able to discover the real and unalterable perfect form of Love in the eternal realm. Perhaps this is what is meant in the quote ... "the ultimate truth at the heart of creation." Talking about what love *means* can cause you to *glimpse* Love in its purest form.

'For Plato, the masses live in a metaphorical cave, with their backs to the entrance; and think that reality is portrayed by the shadows on the walls of the cave. We never turn around to see the reality streaming in from the eternal realm. So: turn around, he encourages us, into the light, and discover the fruits of real everlasting love.'

THE ADDRESS

The Dean

THE PRAYERS

Led by the Revd Lydia Thangadurai

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,
who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

Prayers are offered giving thanks for Craig's life, and for those who grieve.

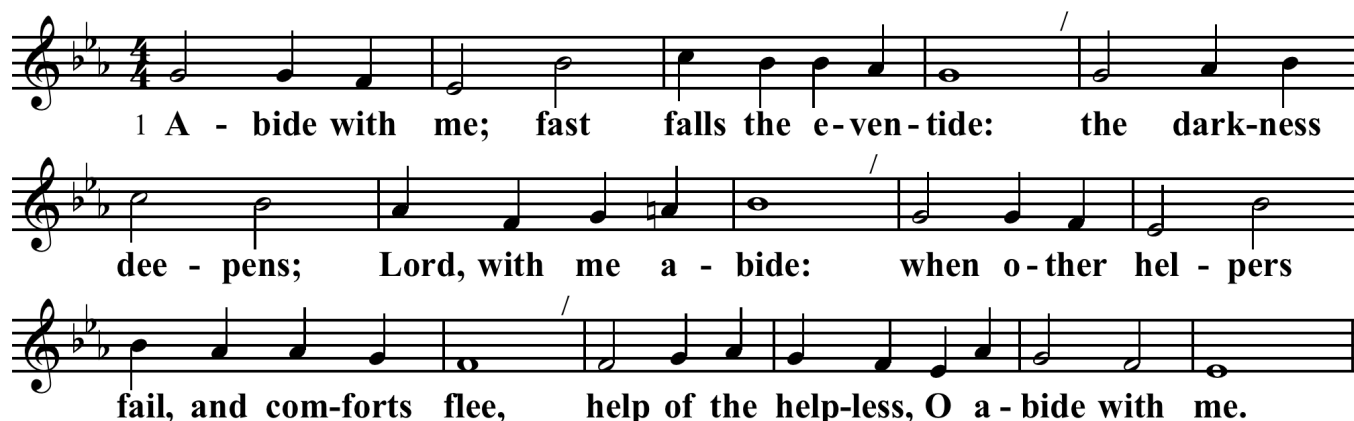
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please stand to sing

THE HYMN



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e-ven-tide: the dark-ness
dee - pens; Lord, with me a - bide: when o-ther hel - pers
fail, and com-forts flee, help of the help-less, O a - bide with me.

2
**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

3
**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

*The St John Ambulance and Ron Wilson Removals Guard of Honour
move to the end of each pew.*

*The pall bearers, Rob Parker, Brett Preston, Adam Smith, Scott Wilson,
Peta Paratene, and Chad Wilson move to flank the coffin.*

4
**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

5
**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 13

All remain standing for

THE FAREWELL

Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave new birth to our brother Craig
by water and the Spirit.
Grant that his death may recall to us
your victory over death,
and be an occasion for us
to renew our trust in your Father's love.
Give us, we pray, the faith to follow
where you have led the way,
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Let us entrust our brother Craig to the mercy of God.

Silence is kept.

**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 Craig 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 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 commit our brother Craig
to your eternal keeping
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.**

THE BLESSING

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;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The crucifer and clergy lead the procession to the hearse.

A verger leads the family in following the coffin.

Honour Guard and congregants follow.

During the procession

THE PIANO POSTLUDE

is played by Mrs Roslyn Carolane, Assistant Organist.

Henry Geehl (1881-1961), Fantasie on 'Belmont'

At the hearse, the Dean leads

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth on your journey from this world.
Go in the name of God the Father Almighty who created you,
In the name of Jesus Christ, his Son, who suffered for you,
In the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthened you.
In communion with the saints and angels,
May your portion this day be in peace,
 and your dwelling the heavenly Jerusalem.
Amen.

The Clergy and St John Guard of Honour lead the hearse.

A verger leads the family in following the hearse.

The Ron Wilson Guard of Honour lead the congregation in following the hearse.

Following the service, there will be a reception in Young and Jackson's Hotel, located just opposite the Cathedral at 1 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

www.youngandjacksons.com.au



MAKE A DONATION TO HONOUR CRAIG

Donations in memory of Craig should be directed to Beyond Blue, a cause close to Craig's heart. Here's more about them:

1 in 2 people in Australia will experience a mental health challenge in their lifetime. But they'll often keep it for themselves.

When someone does find the courage to reach out for help, Beyond Blue makes sure they can answer their call.

Every single day and 24/7, hundreds of people across Australia contact Beyond Blue in distress because they need free and immediate mental health support by phone or webchat.

To donate go to: <https://outoftheblue.beyondblue.org.au/>

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Craig was proud to have been for many years
an employee at Ron Wilsons Removals
and a volunteer with St John Ambulance Victoria
and a rehearsal pianist and crew member of CEF Players.

They give thanks for his life, friendship and legacy.

