

A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the Life of

*Helen Elizabeth Eckersley*



12<sup>th</sup> September 1945 – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025

St Faith's Anglican Church, Glen Iris  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026



# *Order of Service*

## Opening Hymn

### Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

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.

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.

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.

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.

## Welcome and Introduction    Reverend Heather Scott

## Placing of Christian symbols and symbols of Helen's life

### Tributes

David Loci

Zack Loci & Billy Loci

### Reflection

Ombra Mai Fu (Instrumental) – George Frideric Handel

Homeward Bound – Katherine Jenkins

### Hymn

Love Divine all Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

## Readings

## Psalm 121

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

## Homily The Rev'd Canon Dr Ray Cleary AM

## Hymn

May the road rise up to meet you  
(Traditional Irish blessing)  
Sung by Suzanne Shakespeare

## Prayers of the Faithful

Sue Retschko

### The Lord's Prayer

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 Commendation

### The Blessing

### Closing Hymn

Calon Lan (Traditional Welsh hymn) – Only Boys Aloud





Helen's family would like to thank you for being here today and all your expressions of sympathy and support.

Following the service, you are invited to refreshments in the St Faith's Parish Centre for afternoon tea and to reflect on Helen's life.

The family will then join you for refreshments following the private interment of Helen's ashes in St Faith's memorial garden by the Rev'd Derek Jones.



Acknowledgement: AMCOS, ARIA, Copyright Agency Limited Licensed Copy

Created for **Selwyn Allen Funerals**

Phone - (03) 9888 1672

by Baileys Computer Services

Phone: 8060 4445 Fax: 9018 4415