

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Helen Elizabeth Eckersley



12th September 1945 – 29th November 2025

St Faith's Anglican Church, Glen Iris
Wednesday 7th 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

Judi Cleary

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Patricia Hyde

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.



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