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**JACK BUCKINGHAM**

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ST FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
GLEN IRIS

TUESDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 2026



# Order of Service

## Opening Hymn

### Morning has Broken

Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!

Welcome and Introduction      Reverend Heather Scott

Placing of Christian Symbols and Symbols of Jack's life

Tributes	Mary Buckingham Roger Harder Lis Black Maureen Shinton
Reflection	Bridge Over Troubled Water Simon & Garfunkel
	The Orchards of Co. Armagh

Poem	Cam Black
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Final Time *by Jack Buckingham*

## Hymn

### The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green, he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill:  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

## Reading

Matthew 5:3-9

Mandy Koh

## Poem

Eddie Harder

### *Gratitude by Jack Buckingham*

What I feel today is gratitude.  
To the postman cycling up the street.  
To the fresh breeze flicking across my face.  
To the feeding rainbow lorikeets,  
Close at hand, and bravely  
Upside down, pecking at the seed bars  
We've left for them on a magnolia branch.  
To everything hidden and valued.  
To the gurgling baby in the pram pushed by.  
To tomorrow's fleeting plans.  
To yesterday's survival.  
To the blurring edge between the two  
That blesses our view with shadow.  
To all that would truly carry on  
And cherish the forces that brought us here.  
Even to the snail, destined to ooze by night,  
And to bitter sweetness, constantly refreshed.  
What I feel today is gratitude,  
As a warm-eyed dog comes wagging,  
No apology to frame for this.

## Hymn

### For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Refrain:*

*Christ, our God, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, *[Refrain]*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight, *[Refrain]*

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *[Refrain]*

For the church that evermore,  
lifting holy hands above,  
offers up on every shore  
the pure sacrifice of love, *[Refrain]*

## Prayers of the Faithful

Steve Buckingham, Joan Scott,  
Geoff Brewer and Melissa Cogdon

## The Lord's Prayer

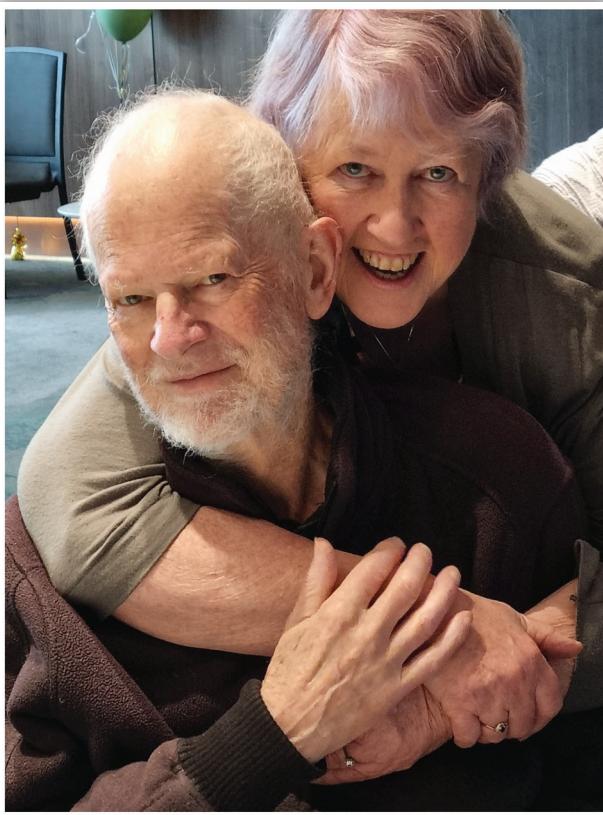
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Commendation

## The Blessing

## Closing Song

Nights in White Satin  
The Moody Blues



Jack'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 Jack's life.



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