

REQUIEM EUCHARIST
offered in thanks and praise for the life of
Neil Douglas Nyholm

24th February, 1949 — 4th January, 2026



St John's Anglican Church, Camberwell

Monday, January 12, 2:00 p.m.

*Please ensure that your mobile phones are turned off or switched to silent before
the eucharist begins.*

Celebrant and
Preacher: The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach, Vicar, St George's Malvern

Deacon: The Reverend Dr Wendy Crouch

Assisting Clergy: The Reverend Dr Aaron Ghiloni, Vicar

Organist: Ms Yi-Shuen Chan

Piper: Mr Rod Gillies

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*The Paschal Candle, the great symbol of Christ's victory over death,
remains alight throughout the service.*

Before the liturgy begins there will be a

Masonic Commemoration

*This will be led by RWBro. John Wilcox PSGW, VWBro. Ron Ferdinands Grand Treasurer, and
WBro. Craig Stobbie*

The Commemoration ends with this prayer:

Almighty God, we seek your consolation for those who by human ties
are near and dear to our late brother.

We thank you for the fraternal fellowship we have enjoyed with your
servant, and pray that his faith has been such as to sustain the new life
that comes after death. Enable us so to regulate our conduct here that,
when the solemn moment arrives at which we must quit this mortal scene,
our lives may meet with thy divine approbation.

Thus supported, we cherish our brother's memory and seek your aid
as we continue our lives in peace and harmony with your divine will.

Amen.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand as the clergy enter.

The Celebrant greets the congregation:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please sit.

Placing of Symbols

As the liturgy begins, symbols marking Neil's life and faith are placed on the coffin by his grandchildren.

As each item is placed, a prayer is said, to which all respond:

Amen.

The Celebrant introduces the liturgy.

We stand to sing:

1. Christ is our corner-stone,
On him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled:
On his great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.
2. Oh, then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious Name.
3. Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

Words: Latin (c. 7th century)
trans. John Chandler (1806–76),
Music: Harewood, S. S. Wesley (1810–76)

The Celebrant continues the liturgy with sentences of Scripture, before we 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.**

Please sit.

Tribute

A tribute to Neil is offered, on behalf of the family, by

Scott Nyholm

The liturgy continues as the Deacon introduces Confession:

Christ having conquered death, has entered heaven itself,
there to appear before God on behalf of all the faithful, living and departed.

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith,
and confess our sins to the God of grace:

Merciful God,
**our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces Absolution, to which all respond:

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

read by Aidan Nyholm

1 Corinthians 15:50b–57

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,
nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

We will not all die, but we will all be changed,
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.

For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’

‘Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Cantor:

Dr Muriel Porter, OAM

Response

Response 1 Eb Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb7 Eb

My shep - herd is the Lord, no - thing in-deed shall I want.

The musical notation for Response 1 is written on a single staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the chords Eb, Ab, Bb, Eb, Fm, Bb7, and Eb are indicated. The lyrics "My shep - herd is the Lord, no - thing in-deed shall I want." are written below the staff.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness,
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes;
my head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R.

All stand.

The Gospel

John 14:1–6

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the night before he died, Jesus said to his disciples,
‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place where I am going.’
Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?’
Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.’
For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit.

The Homily

THE PRAYERS

Fr John Stewart offers prayers in thanksgiving for Neil’s life and for those who mourn.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand.

Deacon: With Neil and all God’s people of every time and place,
we are the Body of Christ.

All: **His spirit is with us.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of God’s peace with those around you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

As the altar is prepared, we sing the following:

1. Light of the minds that know him:
 May Christ be light to mine;
 My sun in risen splendour,
 My light of truth divine;
 My guide in doubt and darkness,
 My true and living way,
 My clear light ever shining,
 My dawn of heaven's day.
2. Light of the souls that love him:
 May Christ be ours indeed;
 The living bread from heaven
 On whom our spirits feed;
 Who died for love of sinners
 To bear our guilty load,
 And make of life's brief journey
 A new Emmaus road.
3. Strength of the wills that serve him:
 May Christ be strength to me,
 Who stilled the storm and tempest,
 Who calmed the tossing sea;
 His Spirit's power to move me,
 His will to master mine,
 His cross to carry daily
 And conquer in his sign.
4. May it be ours to know him
 That we may truly love,
 And loving fully serve him
 As serve the saints above;
 Till in that home of glory
 With fadeless splendour bright,
 We serve in perfect freedom
 Our Strength, our Life, our Light.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)

based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo (354–430)

Music: King's Lynn, English traditional melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Prayers are offered over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer begins:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And continues to:

The joy of resurrection fills the universe
and so, we join with angels and archangels,
with Neil and all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

.....

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

A brief silence is kept.

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the bread is broken, the following is said:

As this broken bread was once many grains
that have been gathered together and made one bread,
**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

We say together:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant him rest.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant him rest.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant him eternal rest.**

The Celebrant issues the invitation:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is distributed.

This is the Lord's table: all are welcome here.

If you receive the sacrament in your own church, please come forward to receive it here.

If you prefer, please come forward to receive a blessing.

The sacrament is offered in both kinds.

*Those who wish to receive the bread only are free to do so; but please **do not** intinct ('dip' the bread into the wine).*

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

The sacrament will be brought to those who wish to receive but are unable to approach.

All stand for the post-communion prayer.

THE FAREWELL AND COMMITTAL

A prayer is offered, before the Celebrant says:

Let us entrust our brother Neil to the loving mercy of God.

Silence is kept, before all pray together:

**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 Neil 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.**

Another prayer is said, concluding with:

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A final committal is pronounced, then the coffin is then sprinkled with holy water as a reminder that, in the waters of baptism, Neil entered into Christ's death that he might share Christ's risen life.

It is then censed as a sign that our prayers, with Neil's and those of all the faithful, rise to God in glory.

We stand to sing:

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!
Alleluia!
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!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Words: H. F. Lyte (1793–1847),
Music: *Praise my Soul*, John Goss (1800–80)

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant pronounces this blessing:

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism,
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,
give you joy and peace in faith,
and bring you, with Neil and all the saints, to your eternal inheritance.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

Please remain standing as the casket is prepared.

The Piper and clergy then lead the coffin from the church, followed by Cynthia and the family.

The congregation is invited to follow the family and stand in silence as the hearse is led up Burke Road.

All are warmly invited to gather in the Rutherford Room for refreshments and further sharing of memories of Neil's life.

A special treat will be that Neil and Cynthia's grandchildren have prepared servings of "Neil's cake recipe" for all to take with them this afternoon.

Cynthia and family are so grateful for your presence and support today, and have been overwhelmed by the love, care and support offered to them over the time of Neil's illness.



*It was Neil's wish that offerings be made for Stroke Ambulance
– a charity he strongly supported for many years.*

Such donations may be made to

Royal Melbourne Hospital Neuroscience Foundation
neuroscience.org.au/donate

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