FUNERAL SERVICE

to celebrate the life of

SIMON WONG

20th December 1949 – 28th October 2026



Friday 6th November 2026, 1.30 pm

All Saints' Anglican Church
18 Edward Street, Mitcham

The service we use today from the Anglican Prayer Book expresses the close relationship we have with one another. The minister and family have selected words in prayer, readings and reflection to help us share this time together.

Christians believe in God, the source and giver of life. God's good news proclaims Jesus Christ to be our living Lord, who laid down his life for us. He knew death, yet triumphed over it, drawing its sting, and was raised by God to new life. Christians affirm the presence of the Spirit of Christ, who helps us in our weakness. Yet we, with all mortals, still face death. Those who put their trust in Christ share the sufferings of their Lord, even in the midst of God's love and care. A Christian funeral proclaims the Christian hope in the face of death – Jesus Christ, whose resurrection is the promise of our own.

There is always a deep sense of loss at the death of a loved one. The living need our support and consolation. The whole congregation has an important part in giving this help; one way in which we can do this is by joining in those parts printed in bold type.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome The Rev'd Mark Chew

Hymn **O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)'**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:
Refrain

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'
Refrain

Carl Boberg (1859-1940)
Transl. Stuart K. Hine

Gathering In God's Name

The minister greets the congregation.
Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We have come together
to remember before God the life of Simon
to commend him to God's keeping,
to commit his body to be cremated,
to comfort those who mourn
with our sympathy and with our love;
in the hope we share
through the death and resurrection
of Jesus Christ.

A sentence of scripture is read
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

The people join with the minister in saying
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.

The Ministry of The Word

Eulogy The Rev'd Greg Wong

Bible Readings Mr Gerald Wong

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

John 14:1-6, 27

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also
in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am
going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you
are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am
the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through me. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Sermon – The Rev'd Mark Chew

Photo Reflection

The Prayers

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

The prayers conclude with 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.
And 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 and Committal

Holding our love firmly, laying aside all regret gently,
we release Simon into the hands of God.
Let us commend Simon to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

God alone is holy and just and good.
In that confidence, we commend you, Simon
to God's mercy,
to God's forgiveness and love.
Blessed be God the Father,
who has caused the light of Christ to shine upon you.

A sentence of Scripture is read
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great goodness.
As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place will know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever toward those that fear him
and his righteousness upon their children's children.

Psalm 103.8, 13-17

Facing the coffin, the minister says
The earthly life of Simon has come to an end,
we commit his body to be buried
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
in the sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Rest eternal grant unto Simon, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Go forth upon your journey from this world:
in the love of God the Father
who created you,
in the mercy of Jesus Christ
who redeemed you,
in the power of the Holy Spirit
who strengthened you.
In communion with all the faithful,
may you dwell this day in peace.
Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The minister says
Dear friends,
let us leave this place in quietness of spirit,
as we return to the living of our lives;
glad that we have loved,
free to weep in grief,
free to hold each other in our human frailty,
encouraged to live well.
Let us affirm the hope that lives in God
at the heart of our existence.
Although we disperse this day in sorrow,
the mercy of God will gather us together again
in the joy of his kingdom.

The minister pronounces the Blessing
The Lord bless us and keep us
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.
Amen.

Go in peace in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Hymn 'Thine Be The Glory'

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

Refrain:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond Louis Budry 1854-1932
Transl. Richard Birch Hoyle

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