

Mass of Christian Burial
Celebrating the life of

Anthony Phillip Hackett 'Tony'



Born 5th August 1955
Entered Eternal Life 9th November 2023



St Michael's Cathedral
Wagga Wagga
20th November 2023
Rev. Fr. Gabrielle Murray

ENTRANCE HYMN “Here I Am Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

GREETING AND WELCOME

Fr Murray: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Fr Murray: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

When Tony was baptised, he was baptised into the life and death of Jesus. Now that he has ended his journey of faith, we sprinkle his coffin with water that is holy as a reminder of Christ's promise of everlasting life.

All: **May Christ now enfold him in his love and bring him to eternal life.**

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE

Fr Murray: In Baptism, Tony received the light of Christ. He walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in his heart.

All: **May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome him into the kingdom of light and peace.**

SYMBOLS

Symbols of Tony's life include his cricket umpires' hat, his assorted cricket caps including a Premiership cap with East Wagga and various sporting interests.

OPENING PRAYER

Fr Murray: Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Tony. In this life You embraced him with Your tender love, deliver him now from every evil and bid him eternal rest. Welcome him into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Read by Joanne Kennedy

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; He will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25 Read by Joanne Wilson

Response - To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
Because of your goodness, O Lord. **Response**

Relieve the anguish of my heart
and set me free from my distress.
See my affliction and my toil
and take all my sins away. **Response**

Preserve my life and rescue me.
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me:
for my hope is in you, O Lord. **Response**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand to greet the Gospel)

All: 'Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Fr Murray: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

All: **Glory to You O Lord**

Fr Murray:

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HOMILY Fr Murray:

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Aynsley Hackett and Bree Hackett

Fr Murray: God our Father raised Jesus from the dead, and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Tony's life, who in baptism was given the promise of eternal life. May we find comfort knowing he is sheltered in God's home. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we give thanks and praise for the compassion and care given to Tony by Dr. Jane Hill, Dr. Sam Bolitho, Dr Martin Jude, Dr. Genevieve Brady, Dr. Enas Sedrak, Joana Hamilton from Glenrock Country Practice, the kind and dedicated Palliative Care nurses, volunteers and the staff at Catholic Health Care, especially the Community workers who came to our house every day and helped us care for Tony over the last 4 months. May they be rewarded for their works. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the gift of faith that Tony had, giving him great comfort and inner strength throughout his illness. He never complained. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we pray for all families that they find your loving patience, true forgiveness and peace among themselves. We especially pray for the Hackett family. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends who have gone before us. May their memory always be in our hearts. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Murray: Loving Father, you govern all things wisely and with great love. Listen to our prayers and lead us through Your Spirit to complete joy and communion with you. We make this prayer through Christ your Son.

All: Amen.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Cameron Hackett, Mia Kennedy and Grace Leggett

OFFERTORY HYMN

‘One Bread, One Body’

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many,
Throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the
Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr Murray: Pray, sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Murray: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr Murray: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Murray: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespases as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN

“As Gentle As Silence”

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence.
Of all that I love here on earth.

All the beauty I see, He has given to me,
And his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways,
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle as silence.

He has poured out his spirit upon me.
And has turned all my world upside down.
But his peace flows abound soothes my soul with its calm.
And his giving is gentle as silence.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OF COMMENDATIONSONG OF FAREWELL

Response: “Receive his soul and present him to God the most high”

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! **Response.**

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,

May angels lead you to Abraham's side. **Response.**

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

And let perpetual light shine upon him. **Response.**

PALLBEARERS

Robert Hackett, Graeme Hackett, Jim Hackett,

Darren Height, Jack Jolley, Dennis Chaplin

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have 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.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art.**

When through the woods and forest glades
I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **(R)**

And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on a Cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin. **(R)**

When Christ shall come
With shouts of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God,
How great thou art! **(R)**

PALLBEARERS AT CEMETERY

Chris Kennedy, Corey Shackleton, Darren Height
Aynsley Hackett, Bree Hackett, Graeme Hackett



'Forever in our hearts'



Tony's family thank you for your presence here today. They will always be grateful for your love and support.

You are invited to join with them at
The International Hotel Lake Albert Rd.
to share refreshments and memories of
Tony following committal prayers at The Monumental Cemetery.



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