

## Blessing

*Celebrant:* May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ.

*All:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*All:* Amen.

## Preparation for Leave-taking

*Celebrant:* In the sure hope of the resurrection, we take leave of our brother: Let us go in peace.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

## Processional Music

Thank you for your presence here today.  
Rev. Paul Fyfe SJ.



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# Requiem Service and Celebration of the life of Gerard Redmond 1949 - 2026

*Holy Spirit , Toowong Parish - 27 May 2026*



## WELCOME & REVERENCING THE BODY

**Gathering Music** - Here I am, Lord (*see song sheet - please sing*)

### Greeting

*Celebrant:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* Amen

*Celebrant:* The grace and the peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

### Sprinkling with Baptismal Water

### Placing of the Resurrection Pall

### Opening Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: (silent prayer).... forever and ever

*All:* Amen

*(please sit)*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 A Time for Everything

Claire Slee: (at the end) The Word of the Lord

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm Response** – Psalm 23

*All:* The Lord is my shepherd. (*See song sheet - please sing*)

**Gospel Acclamation** (please stand)

*All:* All eluia, all eluia, God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. All eluia!

**Gospel** - First Letter of Peter 1:3-9 Praise to God for a Living Hope

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit

*Celebrant:* A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

*All:* Glory to you, O Lord.

(at the end) The gospel of the Lord.

*All:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (please sit)

**Homily**

**General Intercessions** - Claire Slee

*Reader:* (each time) ...Lord, hear us: (please stand)

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* (at the end) ... through Christ our Lord

*All:* Amen. (please sit)

**The Lord's Prayer** (please stand)

*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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Prayer for Peace**

*Celebrant:* ... forever and ever.

*All:* Amen. (please sit)

## COMMITTAL & FINAL COMMENDATION

**Eulogy**

Nick Redmond

Patrick Redmond

**Hymn:** Be Not Afraid (*see song sheet - please sing*)

**Invitation & Scripture**

**Prayer of Committal**

*Celebrant:* ... through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

**Invitation To Silent Prayer**

**Signs of Farewell & Responsory Incensing**

*All:* Song of Farewell: Tune: Amazing Grace

1. Come to his aid, O Saints of God, / O angels meet him now.

(*all*) Receive his soul, present him now, to God, the Lord Most High.

2. May Christ who called you take you home to rest near Ab-ra-ham.

(*all*) Receive his soul, present him now, to God, the Lord Most High.

3. Give him e-ter-nal rest, O Lord, / may he have end-less light.

(*all*) Receive his soul, present him now, to God, the Lord Most High

**Prayer of Commendation** (please stand)

*Celebrant:* ... through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

**Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant:* Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

... through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

*All:* And let perpetual light shine upon him.

*Celebrant:* May he rest in peace.

*All:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*All:* Amen.

## 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?

REFRAIN: 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 snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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?

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The lord is my shepherd and I want to follow  
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,  
valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

REFRAIN: I want to go to meet him there,  
To lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

*Brian Boniwell*

*Corinda Australia*

## BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Antiphon: Be not afraid, I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through ranging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you!

*Robert J Dufford SJ*