

A Celebration of the Life of
Robin Farran

29th August 1946 – 19th July 2026

*"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were
before; they are now wherever we are."*

— *St John Chrysostom*



St Andrew's, Indooroopilly
Midday, 28th July 2026

Placing of the Christian Symbols

The Light – Rosalind Marsden

Light immortal, you brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

May we, with Robin and all the baptised, know the full light of your risen presence. **Amen.**

Water – Brian Farran

In the waters of baptism, we died with Christ, and began to walk in newness of life.

May we, with Robin and all the baptised, be brought to the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

The Scriptures – Libby Toon & Margie Macaulay

In life, Robin was nourished by the word of God.

May Christ greet us, with Robin, saying: Come, blessed of my Father! **Amen.**

The Cross – Sarah Alexander

Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sins on the cross.

May this cross be a sign to us of your love for Robin, and your eternal holding of us in our imperfection and brokenness.

Amen.

The Symbols of Nature – Isabelle Farran & Maggie Parr

In life, Robin delighted in the wonder and beauty of Nature.

May these feathers and flowers from Robin and Brian's garden remind us of the miracle yet fragility of our environment. **Amen.**

Gathering of the Community

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together to thank God for the life of Robin, to mourn and honour her, to lay to rest her mortal body, and to support one another in grief.

We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.

Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him.

Therefore, in faith and hope we turn to God, who created and sustains us all.

Hymn – Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to You

Make us Your own, Your holy people

Light for the world to see

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts

Shine through the darkness

Christ, be our light

*Shine in Your church gathered today
Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone*

*Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today*

*Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come*

*Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today*

“I am the resurrection and the life”, says the Lord.

“Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live”.

John 11:25

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

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.**

Eulogy

Brian Farran, Gabrielle Gold and Elizabeth Parr

Funeral Blues by W. H. Auden

John Morris

Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.

Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead
Scribbling on the sky the message He is Dead.
Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves,
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.

He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last forever: I was wrong.

The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun,
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the woods;
For nothing now can ever come to any good.

Hymn – As the Deer

*As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

*I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

*You're my Friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

Gospel Reading

The Reverend Canon Dr Marian Free

A reading from the book of John, Chapter 14, Verse 1.

Jesus said: “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? I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn’t fragile like the peace the world gives. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Address

Bishop Garry Weatherill

Prayers

Margo Turnbull, Georgia Farran and Oscar Parr

Creator God, we remember Robin's delight in birdsong and joyful welcoming of your creatures into her faithfully tended gardens. Teach us, through her example, to cherish the earth. Protect us from hopelessness and give us the energy and courage to protect all vulnerable places and species, and to work for climate justice, so that all of creation may flourish in peace.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we give thanks for those who bring new life into the world, who heal the injured and the sick, and who provide palliative care to the dying. Bless all nurses, midwives, paramedics, doctors, carers and health care workers. Uphold all who have the courage to remain present with the suffering of others; give them resilience and joy in service, and provide them with a place to set down the trauma and pain they witness; through Christ the healer.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, Lord of life, we thank you for the life of Robin, her love, warmth, and fierce loyalty, and for receiving her into your endless care at her life's end. We commend her, and all those who have died and are held here in our hearts today, to your unfailing love. Grant them light perpetual and peace eternal, and comfort us who grieve and mourn.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, as Robin's kindness reached widely to all, enlarge our hearts for your world. Have mercy on all caught up in war and terror; shelter refugees and the displaced; turn leaders to the ways of justice and reconciliation; turn our ears to the counsel of the wise and away from the voices who sow division and hate. Make us instruments of your peace, steadfast in compassion and generous in welcome.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, we remember Robin's delight in all babies, and her deep love for her grandchildren—Oscar, Harry, Isabelle, Maggie, Georgia, Theodore, Malachi and Liberty. Guide them all their days. Bless every baby and child with love, safety, curiosity, affirmation and joy; and surround all parents and carers with patience and love.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, as we give thanks for Robin's life of boundless love, quiet service and attentive kindness, please help us to shape our lives after hers. Make us present to small moments, ready to listen, quick to forgive, led by compassion and alive to the wonder, beauty and joy in the world. And as we live with this painful loss, help us to incorporate the love we have for Robin into the ways we choose to live.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God,

we praise you for your faithful servants in every age.

May we, with Robin and all who have died in the faith of Christ, be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom.

Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn – Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us

You are one with us,

Mary's Son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sin.

Pouring Your love and goodness in.

Jesus our love for you we sing,

Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ

Now and every day

Teach us how to pray,

Son of God.

You have commanded us to do

This in remembrance Lord of you

Into our lives your power breaks through,

Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us

Born as one with us,

Mary's Son.

*Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus help us see
You are Lord.*

*Lord Jesus Christ
I would come to you
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son, Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.
With all your saints
we give you thanks and praise.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading.
With all your saints
we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with Robin 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me".

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me”.

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son
we here proclaim his passion and death,
and his victory over the grave.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with Robin and all your faithful people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
we offer our prayer and praise:

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

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

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.

All who seek God's mercy and forgiveness are welcome at the table of the Lord.

Music during communion

After Communion

Let us pray.

Lord of life and death,
we thank you that in your great love
you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all your saints.

Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us
a comfort in affliction,
a firm assurance of his resurrection,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
where death and sorrow are no more,
but all things are made new. **Amen.**

A Tribute to Robin

Hymn – Lord of All Hopefulness

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.*

The Farewell

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Robin by water and the Spirit.

Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith
to follow where you have led the way,
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Let us entrust our sister, Robin to the mercy of God.

**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 Robin 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.**

The Committal

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the body of our dear sister Robin
to be cremated in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
and who shall change our mortal body
that it may be like his glorious body.

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

The Blessing and Dismissal

God give you joy and peace in believing
so that by the power of the
Holy Spirit your lives may abound in hope.

And the blessing of God,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The Pallbearers

Andrew Farran

Steve Parr

Guy Gold

Oscar Parr

Harry Parr

Rob Alexander

The family invite you to continue this celebration
of Robin's life by joining them in the hall.



At the River Forth in Tasmania, 1957

This service is being streamed live at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeifpdDiTzbhSWnpKTCZwAw>

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