

We gather to Thank God for the Life,  
Love and Friendship  
of  
*Anthony Craig Simpson*  
*Tony*

Born to this Life - 27 September 1959  
Entered Eternal Life - 26 August 2021



*You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
Although we cannot see you  
You will always be by our side.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN  
YOU RAISE ME UP**



**Introductory Rite**

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

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** May the Father of mercies, the  
God of all consolation, be with you.

**All: And with your spirit**

[Please Sit]

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*A reading from the second letter of St  
Paul to Timothy*

The time is here for me to leave this  
life. I have done my best in the race, I  
have run the full distance, and I have  
kept the faith. And now there is waiting  
for me the prize of victory awarded for  
a righteous life, the prize which the  
Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me  
on that Day – and not only to me, but  
all those who wait with love for him to  
appear.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

[Please Stand]

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy are those who have  
died in the Lord;  
Let them rest from their labours for  
their good deeds go with them  
Alleluia*

**GOSPEL :**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your Spirit**

**Priest:** A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

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 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.’

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

[Please Sit]

**HOMILY**



## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest:** My dear friends: Jesus is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

1. Heavenly father we give thanks for the many ways in which Tony shared his life with us and with others. We thank you for the time Tony was with us and especially for his loving commitment to his family and friends. We also thank you for the beautiful memories of Tony that we now cherish. Lord hear us

**Response:** *Lord hear our prayer*

2. We pray for those who were close to Tony, especially his wife Catherine, his children Scott and Hannah, Craig and Emily his grandchildren Peyton, Penelope, Ruby, Cooper and Patrick, also Tony's brother Greg and Auntie Sheila. May their present sorrow be so transformed by hope that they may come in time to cherish with true thankfulness those shared experiences which nothing can ever take away. Give us peace to face the future with a calm mind, a strong faith and a loving heart.

Lord hear us

**Response:** *Lord hear our prayer*

3. We pray for loved ones and friends who are frail or sick and weary. Show your mercy to all who are dying. May they rest with confidence in the knowledge that nothing in life or death can separate them from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord hear us

**Response:** *Lord hear our prayer*

4. We pray for the deceased members of the Simpson and Cooper families. Also Tony and Catherine's baby girl Kylie. May Tony be reunited with them in your Kingdom of peace and love.

Lord hear us

**Response:** *Lord hear our prayer*

## OUR FATHER

## FINAL COMMENDATION

### Eulogy

We will now listen to words spoken in remembrance of Tony.

### Song of remembrance :

A song for my dad. ( Keith Urban)

### Prayers at the casket

**Response:** Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

[Please Stand]

## Prayer of Commendation

### May the Choirs of Angels Come to Greet You

*May the choirs of angels  
come to greet you.*

*May they speed you to paradise.*

*May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.*

*May you find eternal life.*



**RECESSIONAL SONG:**  
**Burning Bridges ( Mike Curb Congregation)**



You held my hand  
when I was small  
You caught me when I fell  
You're the hero of my childhood  
And my later years as well

And every time I think of you  
My heart still fills with pride  
Though I'll always miss you Dad  
I know you're by my side

In laughter and in sorrow  
In sunshine and through rain  
I know you're watching over me  
Until we meet again

**THANK YOU**  
Catherine, Scott, Craig and their families  
Would like to thank you for your  
Support, prayers and loving kindness, at this sad time.