

A Requiem Eucharist
for

Johannes Richard Borg
“John”

Johannes' family wish to thank you for your support shown to us and for all of the kind expressions of sympathy conveyed to us today.

You are cordially invited to join the family after the service at Murwillumbah RSL for refreshments and sharing of memories.

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Friday, 19th May 2023

All Souls Anglican Church, Bangalow



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Opening Hymn: Praise My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

The Placing of Christian Symbols

The Paschal Candle

Light immortal, you brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel. May, we, with John and all the baptised,
know the full light of your risen presence. **Amen.**

The coffin is sprinkled with water

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

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

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.**

Let us entrust our dear brother 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 John 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.**

Farewell Hymn *The Day Thou Gave us Lord*

Prayer and Blessing

Grant, O Lord, that we may walk in your presence,
with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills; that when we finally stand before you,
it may be with the assurance of your welcome and the joy of our
homecoming. **Amen.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and
scatter the darkness before your path;
and the blessings of God almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The coffin is borne from the Church and conveyed to
Tweed Valley Cemetery, Eviron Road Eviron.*

After supper, he took the cup,
and again, giving 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.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son
we here proclaim his passion and death,
and his victory over the grave.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with George 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.**

We who are many are one body
For we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Come let us take this Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Holy Communion is offered to the congregation.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

A Bible is placed on the coffin

In life John was nourished by the word of God.
May Christ greet us, with John, saying:
Come, blessed of my Father. **Amen.**

A cross is placed on the coffin

Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sins on the cross.
May this cross be a sign to us of your love for John,
and the forgiveness of his sins. **Amen.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

'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

[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 Eulogy *read by Robin Thiessfield and sharing of memories*

A reading from Philippians chapter 4, verses 6-9

Hymn - Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

A reading from the Gospel according to John chapter 14 verses 1-7
A reflection by Reverend Grahame Yager.

Prayers—*followed by the Lord's Prayer.*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

The 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.

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 John 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.'