

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



Rear Admiral Anthony Lancaster Hunt AO

14 JULY 1938 - 5 MARCH 2025

GARDEN ISLAND NAVAL CHAPEL
MONDAY 17 MARCH 2025
CELEBRANT: FATHER STEVE SINN S.J.



THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn

Amazing Grace (John Newton)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
We have already come
'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Welcome

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

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Fr Steve: In the waters of baptism, Anthony died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with Him eternal glory.

Placement of Christian Symbols

The grandchildren come forward to place symbols of Anthony's life.

Service Eulogy

Given by CDRE Max Sulman (Rtd)

Words of Remembrance

Given by Jeffrey, Matthew, Timothy and Jennifer.

Collect

Fr Steve: Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the Cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant Anthony who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of His resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer (St Thomas More)

Read by Chaplain Graham Swan, SM RAN

Almighty God, have mercy on all that bear me evil will, and would me harm, and their faults and mine together, by such easy, tender, merciful means as thine infinite wisdom best can devise; vouchsafe to amend and redress and make us saved souls in heaven together, where we may ever live and love together with thee and thy blessed saints.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Song of Songs 8:5-7

Read by Jenny Norderyd-Hunt and Stefani Hunt

A reading from the Song of Songs

Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?

Under the apple tree I awakened you.

There your mother was in labour with you;

there she who bore you was in labour.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;

for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 23 - The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond)

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,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no 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 forever more
My dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2: 13-22

Read by Kate Black and Anthony Hoare

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens

with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - John 11:17-27

Fr Steve: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

Fr Steve: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Given by Fr Steve Sinn

Prayers of the Faithful

Fr Steve: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to hear the prayers of his people.

Read by grandchildren – Zoe, Imogen, Jesse, Matilda, Maya, Sam and Gabriella:

We pray for Grandad, whose journey has taken him from us to you. He lived with integrity and respect for all people, moved with purpose, shared his heart with many and was a grounding presence to all in his life. May he experience the peace of eternal life and be protected in this next journey. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you Lord, for the precious time we shared with Grandad. May his spirit continue to watch over us, and may our hearts be forever filled with the warmth of his memory. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Royal Australian Navy which Grandad loved and dedicated his life to serving. We give thanks for his mission of service to our country and ask your blessing be upon all those who continue to brave the challenges of a seagoing life for our protection. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Grandad's beloved wife - our Grandma. May she find comfort, peace and consolation in the memories of their shared life. In gratitude let us always remember Grandad's devotion to Grandma and may we be inspired by their 58 years of unconditional love and the wonders this brought to us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for Tony's friendship and warm acceptance of my Mum, my brother and me. Tony knew firsthand that families don't have to be bonded by blood alone and was always so welcoming towards us. His kindness shone through and we are grateful to have known him for the time we did. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for family and friends; may our sadness be eased by the memory of Grandad's gift of himself to all of us and may we be inspired by his example as a dedicated, generous man of faith. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the wonderful nurses and carers who looked after Grandad, whose loving care and support was most appreciated. May they continue to help those who need them. Lord, hear us

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Steve: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers of your people this day, and grant peace and the fullness of redemption to our brother Anthony. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts are brought to the altar by the grandchildren.

Offertory Hymn

Gather Your People (Bob Hurd)

Refrain: Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light. *Refrain*

We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides. *Refrain*

Invitation to Prayer

Fr Steve: Pray, brothers and sisters, 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.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Fr Steve: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Anthony, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Preface Dialogue

Fr Steve: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Fr Steve: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Fr Steve: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.

Sanctus

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.

Please kneel or be seated.

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the...

Doxology

Fr Steve: Through him, with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Fr Steve: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

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.

Fr Steve: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Fr Steve: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Fr Steve: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Steve: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

All are invited to offer a handshake or another gesture of peace.

Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Fr Steve: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say
the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn

I am the Bread of Life (Suzanne Toolan)

I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: And I will raise him up,
 and I will raise him up,
 and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever,
he shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you. *Refrain*

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life,
He who believes in Me
Even if he die, he shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Thanksgiving Hymn

Be Not Afraid (Bob Dufford)

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far 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

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

If you pass through raging 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

Prayer after Communion

Fr Steve: Let us pray.
Lord God, whose Son left us, in the sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,
our brother Anthony may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer

Fr Steve: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Anthony and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Anthony again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

The coffin is now sprinkled with holy water and incensed.

Song of Farewell

Fr Steve: Saints of God, come to Anthony's aid!
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

All: Receive Anthony's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Steve: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive Anthony's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Steve: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: Receive Anthony's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

Fr Steve: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Anthony in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Anthony in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr Steve: In peace, let us take our brother to his place of rest.

Pallbearers

The grandchildren, Jesse, Sam, Tay, Luke, Ethan, Thomas, Zac, Toby, and Nate.

Recessional Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (The Naval Hymn)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Naval Ode

Rear Admiral Brett Wolski, AM, RAN

They have no grave but the cruel sea,
No flowers lay at their head,
A rusting hulk is their tombstone,
Afast on the ocean bed.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Presentation of the Australian White Ensign

Gun Salute

The Last Post

Reveille

THANK YOU

The family thank you for your kind gestures of support, prayers
and words of condolence at this time.

Following the Mass, the family would like to invite all in attendance to join with them in a short
walk to the Heritage Centre
where there will be drinks, canapés and an opportunity to celebrate Tony's life.

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