10am
9 February 2015
07.00-08.15
Alan Ferguson Blackwood
for the life of

A Service of Thanksgiving

You are all warmly invited to morning tea which will be served in the

Claremont
Christ Church

(signed from the lectern)

Old Boys' Gallery at Christ Church Grammar School
Welcome to Christ Church

Welcome to Christ Church as we bid farewell to Alan. If you are visiting us today for the first time, you are particularly welcome. Christ Church is a parish church within the liberal Catholic tradition of the Anglican Church of Australia. We welcome people from all walks of life, and together we offer our praise to God. Whatever your faith or belief, particularly if you have little or none, we warmly invite you to take part as you can: come to God as you are; leave closer to what God intends you to be.

The Presider and Preacher is Fr Peter Boyland, Rector.

The organ is played by Michael Lukin, Organ Scholar.

Christ Church Grammar School Choir is conducted by Sarah Seaman, Preparatory School Music Co-ordinator.

DISMISSAL

The Presider says the following prayer.

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Presider pronounces the blessing, first saying:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. Amen.

The Presider concludes:

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The casket is then escorted from the church.

The priest says the absolution.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
You pleaded for us at the right hand of the Father.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
You came to call sinners.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
You were sent to heal the contending.

The people remain standing. The priest introduces the confession and then:

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

The priest introduces the service.

and absolve you.
Grace and mercy be with you
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
We meet in the name of Jesus Christ.
The priest greets the people.

The people and the people stand as the minister is tone into the church.

THE GATHERING

The priest says the prayer of committal.

and his righteousness upon their children’s children.
and his peace will know it no more.
when the wind goes over it, it is gone.
we bow down like a power of the field.
Our days are like the grass.
the remembering we are but dust.
For the knows all that we are made.
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
slow to anger and great in goodness.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

COMMITTAL

The priest says these words of comfort from the Psalms:
The Presider introduces a period of silence after which the Collect is said.

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The people sit.

Christ Church Grammar School Choir sing

The School Hymn

Words: Al. Pate, Music: JW Bates

THE EULOGY

Peter and Roger Blackwood
Arthur Pate

The people stand to sing the hymn.

COMMENDATION

The Presider says:
Let us commend Alan to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

The casket is sprinkled with holy water, as the Presider says:
With this water we call to mind Alan's baptism.
As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us,
so may he bring us to the fullness of resurrection life
with Alan and all the redeemed.

Silence is kept after which the Presider says a prayer of entrusting and commending.

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory
and claiming his promises,
we entrust Alan to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive
and reigns with you,
now and for ever. Amen.
O never was it ours to dwell
Wherein God's wisdom, power, and might
Bestowed things both seen and unseen,
With heart and hand and voice, we praise thee, Lord!
Now thank we all our God.

In this world and the next
And free us from all ill,
And guide us when perplexed,
And keep us in His grace,
And bless us in our service,
All praise and thanks to God.

O may this bounteous God
Still bless us in our way,
Most blessed of our Maker,
In whom His Word resounds,
Who wrought things hath done,
With heart and hands and voices,
Now thank we all our God.
THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The people sit for the readings from scripture.

First Reading: Romans 8.31-39 read by Alison Bond

At the end:
For the Word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Christ Church Grammar School Choir sing
The Lord is my Shepherd
Words: Psalm 23, Music: Brian Boniwell

Second Reading: John 14.1-6 read by Zena Rees

At the end:
For the Word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Homily Fr Peter
A short time of silence follows the homily.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people may stand or remain seated for the prayers. The Presider says:

Let us pray.

After each petition is said:
Lord in your mercy,
hearing our prayer.

The Presider concludes:
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 people stand to sing the hymn.