

# A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life of Emingsby (Eno) Mendis

19 April 1934 to 5 May 2024



*I am the resurrection and the life;  
The one who believes in me will live,  
even though they die. (John 11:25)*

3pm, Friday, 17 May 2024

St Barnabas' Glen Waverley Anglican Church  
800 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley 3150

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

## Welcome & Prayer: Rev'd Maria Brand

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

**(ALL) And also with you.**

## Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd

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 forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

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## Verses of Scripture & Prayer

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*

As we come forth naked from our mother's womb, So shall we go naked as we came. We shall take nothing for our toil, which we may carry away. This also is a grievous ill: just as we came so shall we go.

*Ecclesiastes 5.15-16*

Let us Pray

**(ALL) 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**

## Eulogies

Fenella Jayawickrema, Enomal Mendis & families

## Visual Tribute

(Song - "Heaven is my Home" - to listen and reflect upon)

### The Ministry of Word

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 \(ERV\)](#) - Isaac Jayawickrema

There is a time for everything,  
and everything on earth has its special season.  
There is a time to be born and a time to die.  
There is a time to plant and a time to pull up plants.  
There is a time to kill and a time to heal.  
There is a time to destroy and a time to build.  
There is a time to cry and a time to laugh.

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 \(NIV\)](#) - Maneshan Mendis

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## Pastoral Message - Rev'd Maria Brand

### Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge  
take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
take it to the Lord in prayer  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
thou wilt find a solace there.

# The Prayers

Prayers: Rev'd Maria Brand

Let us Pray with confidence to God our father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, for the salvation of us all.

Gracious God Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
We thank you that you received Eno by Baptism  
Into the family of your Church on earth,  
and granted her the gift of eternal life

She ate with us the bread of life, and drank from the cup of salvation, we thank you for all your goodness to Eno, in Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Thanksgiving: Guiomar Fernandes

Thanks be to God for the gift of Life. You have made us in your image and called us to reflect your truth and light.

We thank you for the life of Eno. We give thanks for Eno, her family, relatives and friends; that they may find strength and consolation in their Christian faith and in the love and support of this community.

We give thanks for Eno who lived a life of generosity and dedication to God and her family.

We give thanks to all the staff at Nellie Melba that looked after Eno in the final years and days of her life.

Above all we thank you for your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall be made one again in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

## For Those Who Mourn: Rev'd Maria Brand

God of all mercy, giver of all comfort:  
look graciously, we pray, on those who mourn,  
especially the family of Eno,  
Casting all their cares on you,  
may they know the consolation of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troubled 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 Lord's Prayer

**(ALL) 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.**

## **Hymn: Now thank we all our God**

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven:  
The one, eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.



## **THE FAREWELL & COMMITTAL**

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Eno Mendis 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 to the mercy of God.

**(ALL) 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 Eno 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 BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

**(ALL) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen**

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you. And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

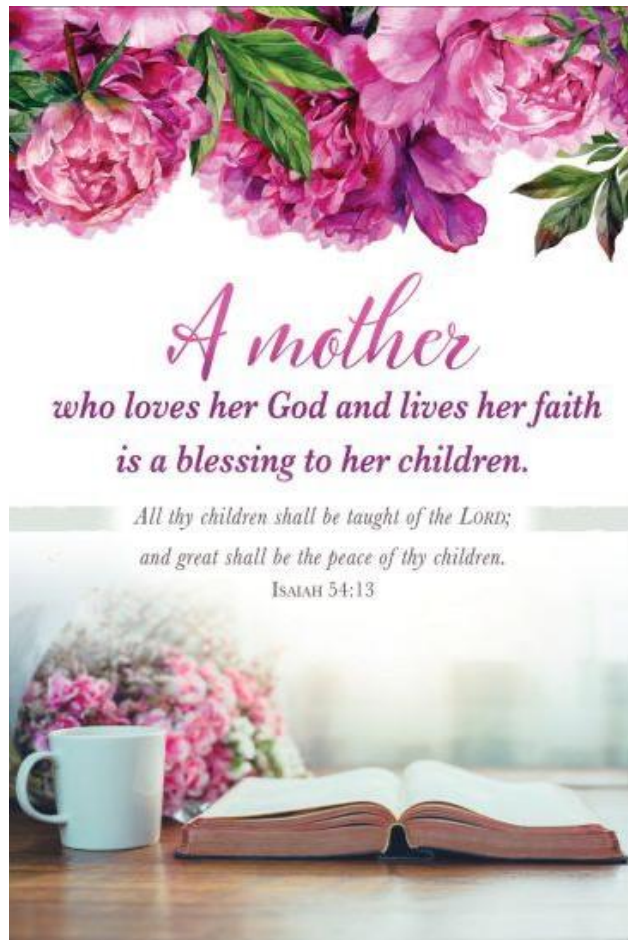
*Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV*

Go in Peace in the name of Christ

**Amen**

## **RECESSIONAL**

(“Amazing Grace”- instrumental on Bag Pipes)



Thank you all for your presence with us this afternoon, along with your kind thoughts and support during this time. It is deeply appreciated.

Following the service, you all are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments.