

- 4.
3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel – 1697; tr Jane Borthwick – 1813-97

TOGETHER WE COMMEND BOB INTO GOD’S KEEPING:

*“Heavenly Father, by your creative power you gave us the gift of life,
and in your redeeming love you have given us new life in Christ.
Rejoicing in your gift of eternal life, and confident in the love you
have for all.....
we commend Bob into your merciful keeping.*

Amen”

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional version)

THE COMMITTAL OF BOB’S BODY FO CREMATION

(Bob’s body will be cremated privately at Mackay Crematorium, Ourimbah
later today)

**HYMN “THINE BE THE GLORY, RISEN CONQUERING
SON”** see insert for words

THE BENEDICTION

*Phyllis and the family hope that you will the be able to join them for
refreshments which are being provided by members of the Ettalong
and Umina congregations in the Church’s Activities Hall*

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

UMINA & ETTALONG CONGREGATIONS

13TH APRIL 2006



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

for the life of

ROBERT HENRY “BOB” SAUNDERS

22nd March 1931 – 8th April 2006

MINISTER: Rev. Bruce Edgell

ORGANIST: Wilma Towner

Jesus said: *“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”.*

2.

WELCOME

Psalm 1: 1 - 3

WORDS OF HOPE FROM THE BIBLE

Jesus said: *"I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."* John 11: 25-26

HYMN "PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN"

1. 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!

2. 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!

3. 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!

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish,

blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

Henry Francis Lyte 1793 – 1847

PRAYER *"Eternal God, our Heavenly father, your love for us is everlasting: You alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light."*

3.

Help us now to wait with quiet hearts, that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may be lifted above our sadness and feelings of loss into the light and peace of your presence. Speak to us in the stillness of this time, that our faith may be strengthened and our hope sustained; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

BIBLE READINGS: Rev. Peter Walker

Lamentations 3: 21 - 24

Romans 8 - selected verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS AND HOPE

TRIBUTE TO BOB'S LIFE: Geoffrey Saunders

PRAYERS

- Praise for the work of Jesus Christ] Rev. Elizabeth Walker

- Thanksgiving for Bob Saunders' life]

(during this prayer there will be times of silence,
and you are each invited to offer your own
thanksgiving for what Bob has meant to you)

- Our prayers for those who mourn] Margaret Gregory

- Our prayers for those in need]

HYMN "BE STILL MY SOUL"

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.

Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.