



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

for the life of

ALBERT EDWARD (TED) MATTHEWS

*St Stephen's Uniting Church
197 Macquarie Street
Sydney*

*Tuesday 16th December 1997
at 11.00 am*



*This State Funeral Service with Full Military Honours
is accorded Mr Ted Matthews as the last ANZAC survivor from
the first landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revd Dr Scott McPheat

PRAYER

HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
who with his love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ay we adore him.*

BIBLE READING

*ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-8, 11,14
Mr Ralph Matthews
Nephew of Ted*

TRIBUTE

*His Excellency the Honourable Sir William Deane, AC KBE
Governor-General of Australia*

HYMN

*God has spoken by his prophets
spoken his unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast;
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first, and God the last.*

*God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth descending,
Man, revealing God to man.*

*God is speaking by his Spirit,
speaking to the hearts of men,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, his word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.*

BIBLE READINGS

PSALM 23

His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels, AC
Governor of New South Wales

JOHN 14: 1-6, 27

Senator the Honourable John Faulkner
*Representing the Leader of the Opposition
in the Commonwealth Parliament*

HOMILY - "We Must be Free or Die"

Revd Dr Scott McPheat

HYMN

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

TRIBUTE

The Honourable John Howard, MP
Prime Minister of Australia

PRESENTATION OF PHOTOGRAPH

Mrs Irene Phillips
Daughter of Ted

EULOGY

Mr Kevin Matthews
Nephew of Ted

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Revd Arthur Pearce

HYMN

*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 blest 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 Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.*

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Principal Chaplain Bruce Roy

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