

Laurence Osborne Hay

1 December 1940 – 19 December 2025



Love Divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every longing heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction Prayer

O God, You create us by your power,
and redeem us by your love; Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
That we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Eternal God and Father. Amen.

Recessional Music

Purcell, Mass in G minor; Lord, Thou hast been our refuge

Invitation

You are warmly invited to refreshments before the
private committal at Karori Crematorium.

The Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, Newtown, Wellington

Monday, 29 December 2025 at 11:00am

Leader: Commissioner Robert Donaldson

A Meeting of Thanksgiving for the Grace of God in the Life of Laurence

Welcome and Introduction
Commissioner Robert Donaldson

Processional Music
JS Bach, cello suite no. 2 in D minor; Pablo Casals

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 mother's 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.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

Prayer

Reading
Psalm 103:8-22

Eulogy
Lt Col Daphne Rabbitts

Family Tributes
Children – Jeremy Hay, Susanna Hay
Grandchildren – Sam Hay, Thomas Hay

Photo Tribute

Record of Officer Service
Major Pauleen Richards

Song: Graham Millar
O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

George Matheson (1842-1906)

Tribute
Commissioner Paul du Plessis

Reflection
Commissioner Robert Donaldson