

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Keith Lawrence  
Sellar*

*12 March 1929 - 3 September 2013*

A Service to Celebrate the Life of

*Keith Lawrence Sellar*

and to commend him into God's care

held in

**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church**  
**Tennyson Street, Napier**

on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013

at 1.30pm

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Celebrant:	Rev. Sally Carter
	Rev. Ernest Brown
Organists:	Dorothy Finlayson
	Pam Clare
Funeral Director:	Neil Earnshaw

*In his usual style, Keith will be fashionably late,  
when he is here we will close the doors.*

## Welcome

### Hymn: 'Blessed Assurance'

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine,  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Refrain*

### Hymn: 'Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise'

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

We have come together to remember before God the life of his servant Keith Lawrence Sellar. To commend him to God's keeping, to commit his mortal body to be cremated, and to comfort those who mourn with our sympathy and our love in the hope we share through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you  
**The Lord bless you.**

**Psalm: 23**

Read by Rev. Ernest Brown

*Hear the words of the Gospel:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*And hear the words of Jesus Christ our Saviour:*

Set your troubled hearts at rest, Trust in God always; trust also in me. I am the resurrection and the life; even in death anyone who believes in me will live.

Therefore, although we are parted from Keith, none of us need ever be parted from the love of God.

**Prayer**

God our comforter, you are a refuge and strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Help us so to hear the words of our faith, that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our natural sorrow, to the peace and light of your constant love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

In a time of silence, let us make our personal thanksgiving to God for all that Keith has meant to us.

Gracious God, we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image, and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

We thank you for Keith, the years we shared with him, the good we saw in him, the love we received from him. Now give us strength and courage to leave him in your care, confident in your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, you judge with infinite mercy and justice and love everything you have made. We rejoice in your promises of pardon, joy and peace to all who love you. In your mercy, turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, who rose again, and lives for evermore. AMEN.

**With faith and hope we pray:**

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever, AMEN.*

**Keith speaking, a short introduction by the man himself.**

**Family Tributes**

**Hymn:** 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

The purple headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.  
*Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.  
*Refrain*

**Time for Reflection on the Life of Keith**  
Accompanied by 'My Song Is Love Unknown'  
and other music loved by Keith.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **Words of Farewell**

**Hymn:** 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.

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.

## Words of Committal

*Keith loved the hymn 'Forth In Thy Name, O Lord I Go' and the music will play as his casket is carried from the Church. Please listen and reflect on the words and the way Keith lived his life for his Lord.*

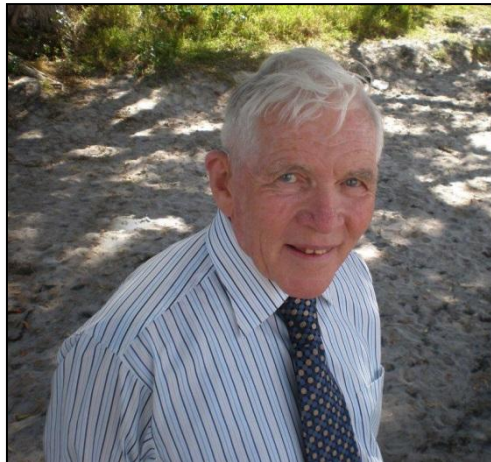
### **Recessional Hymn:** 'Forth In Thy Name, O Lord I Go'

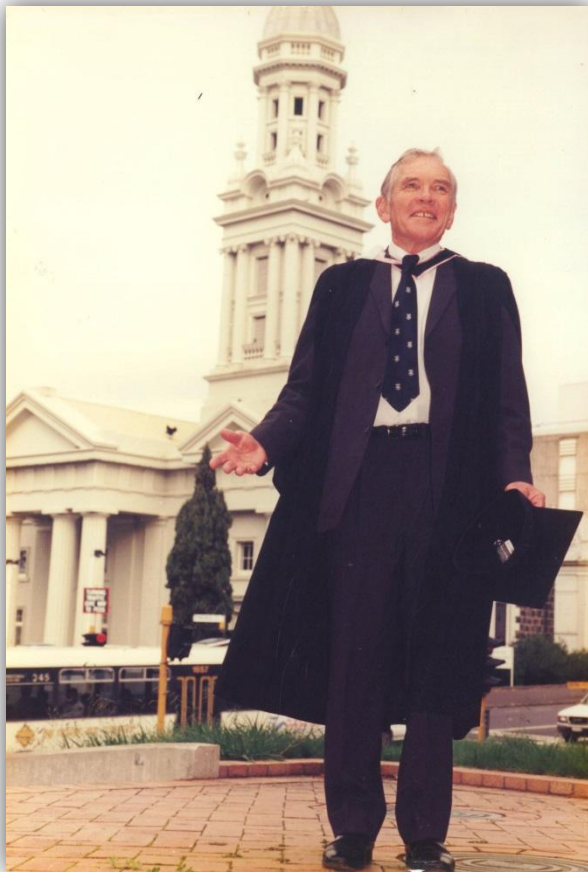
Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labour to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works thy presence find,  
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes mine in-most substance see,  
And labour on at thy command,  
And offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ  
What e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with thee to heaven.





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Keith's family thank you for being with them today and warmly invite you to share refreshments and fellowship in the Church Lounge, at the conclusion of the service.

Followed by private cremation.

Please sign the memorial register to record your presence.

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