

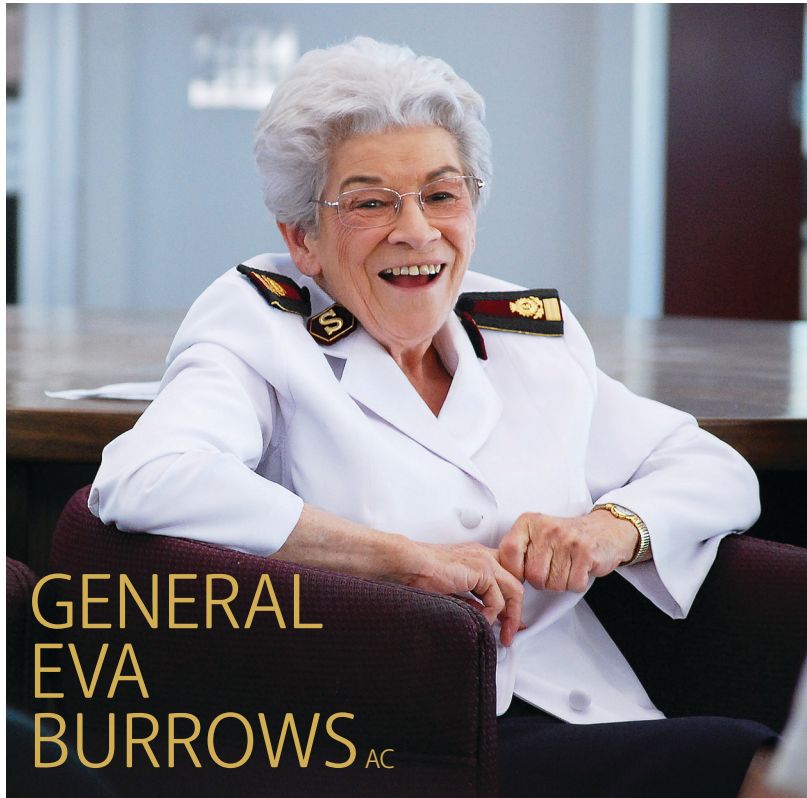


# GENERAL EVA BURROWS<sub>AC</sub>

1929 – 2015

**SERVICE OF  
THANKSGIVING**





One of nine children, Eva Evelyn Burrows was born on 15 September 1929 in Newcastle, Australia, to Salvation Army parents, Major Robert and Mrs Major Ella Burrows. She committed her life to God for service as a Salvation Army officer while she was studying for her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Queensland in Australia. After her graduation, she entered the William Booth Memorial Training College in London and was commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1951.

Her first appointment was as assistant officer to the Portsmouth Citadel Corps, in the Southampton and Channel Islands Division of the British Territory. Following this appointment, Eva was appointed as an officer teacher to the Howard Institute, a large mission station in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). During her first homeland leave, she studied for a Masters of Education degree at Sydney University, presenting her thesis on the training of African teachers in Zimbabwe.

Returning to Howard Institute, Eva became its first woman vice-principal before being appointed as principal of the Usher Institute, a secondary boarding school for girls. Under her leadership, Usher Institute became known in Zimbabwe as an outstanding educational centre.

In 1970, she was appointed to London where she spent five years at the International College for Officers, first as vice-principal and then as principal. Her appointment in 1975 as the leader of the women's social services in Great Britain and Ireland, had a significant impact on her life—her time there, Eva said, gave her a sensitivity to the disadvantaged because it brought her into close touch with the effects of poverty and exploitation.

She became the Territorial Commander for Sri Lanka in 1977, then went on to lead the Army's work in Scotland in 1979. Three years later, after 30 years of officer service, Eva was appointed to her first assignment in her homeland when she became the Territorial Commander for the Australia Southern Territory.

On 2 May, 1986, the High Council elected Eva Burrows as the 13th General of The Salvation Army, only the second woman to hold this office.

During her first five years as General, Eva Burrows visited 62 countries. She used her meetings with dignitaries, such as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, US presidents and President Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia, to speak of the Army's mission to meet human need wherever it is found.

General Burrows also led The Salvation Army back into Eastern Europe, with work being re-established in the former East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Russia.

But it was her willingness to spend time with individuals whatever their status—from the homeless to heads of state—that earned General Eva Burrows the title 'The People's General'.

Her energetic style of leadership, infectious enthusiasm and impatience with inefficiency led her to successfully restructure the Army's work in the UK. After her five-year period of office

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concluded, General Burrows agreed to serve an additional two-year term at the overwhelming request of the movement's senior international leadership.

General Eva Burrows was honoured in many ways during her lifetime. On Australia Day 1986 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), with the honour upgraded to a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 1994. In January 2001, she was awarded a Centenary Medal for 'service to the Australian community'. She received a number of honorary degrees, including becoming an Honorary Doctor of Liberal Arts at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, an Honorary LLD from Asbury University in the USA and an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy from her alma mater, the University of Queensland.

General Burrows retired to live in Melbourne in 1993, maintaining a busy schedule of international travel and speaking engagements, as well as serving as director of the International Bible Society and chair of Ansvar Insurance Company.

She was an active soldier at the Army's urban corps in Melbourne, Australia, known affectionately as 'GenEva', where she took part in many activities including mentoring young people, engaging with the homeless and leading Bible studies.

General Burrows is survived by one sister, Margaret Emma Southwell, and many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, all of whom meant so much to her.

# GENERAL EVA BURROWS AC

## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

**Prelude Music**

Melbourne Staff Band  
Melbourne Staff Songsters

**Welcome to Official Party**

Colonel Peter Walker  
Chief Secretary, Australia Southern Territory

**Acknowledgement of Country**

Uncle Vince Ross

**Welcome to The General and Commissioner Silvia Cox**

Commissioner Floyd Tidd  
Territorial Commander, Australia Southern Territory

**Song: 'How Wonderful it is to Walk with God'**

Commissioner Floyd Tidd

**Prayer**

Lt. Colonel Lucille Turfrey  
Lt. Colonel Frank Daniels

**Civic Tribute**

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor Robert Doyle

**Reading from Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Commissioner Beth Clinch

**Song: 'Deep were the Scarlet Stains of Sin'**

Commissioner Tracey Tidd  
Territorial President of Women's Ministries

**Scripture**

**Exodus 33: 12-18**

John Southwell  
Nephew

**2 Corinthians 4: 1-7**

Major Sandra Nottle  
Corps Officer, Melbourne Project 614



## Video Tribute

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## Officers' Tribute

**Major Brendan Nottle**  
Corps Officer, Melbourne Project 614  
**Commissioner Brian Morgan**

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## Vocal: 'Christ in Me'

(Colin Fairclough/Yvonne Field)

**Melbourne Staff Songsters**

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## Family Tribute

**Dr. Bram Southwell**  
Brother-in-law

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## Band Message: 'Abide With Me'

(arr: Colonel Ray Bowes)

**Melbourne Staff Band**

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## Song: 'O Thou Who Camest From Above'

**Commissioner Silvia Cox**  
World President of Women's Ministries

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## Message The General

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## Song: 'Thine is the Kingdom, Lord'

**Commissioner James Condon**  
Territorial Commander, Australia Eastern Territory

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## Benediction: 'Let Nothing Disturb Thee'

**Commissioner Floyd Tidd**

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After the Service, refreshments will be available at

**The Salvation Army Melbourne Project 614**  
**69 Bourke Street**

## READING

### Reading from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dietrich thought of death as 'The Last Station on the Road to Freedom'. In a sermon he preached when still a young pastor he said:

'No-one has yet believed in God and the Kingdom of God, no-one has ever heard about the realm of the resurrected, and not been homesick from that hour, waiting and looking forward joyfully to being released from bodily existence.

'Whether we are young or old makes no difference. What are 20 or 30 or 50 years in the sight of God? And which of us knows how near he or she may already be to the goal? That life only really begins when it ends here on earth; all that is here is only the prologue before the curtain goes up—that is for young and old alike to think about.

'Why are we so afraid when we think about death? Death is only dreadful for those who live in dread and fear of it. Death is not wild and terrible, if only we can be still and hold fast to God's Word. Death is not bitter unless we have become bitter ourselves. Death is grace, the greatest gift of grace that God gives to people who believe in Him. Death is mild, death is sweet and gentle; it beckons to us with heavenly power, if only we realise that it is the gateway to our homeland, the tabernacle of joy, the everlasting kingdom of peace.

'Why do we think that dying is so dreadful? Who knows whether, in our human fear and anguish we are only shivering and shuddering at the most glorious, heavenly, blessed event in the world.

'Death is hell and night and cold, if it is not transformed by our faith. But that is just what is so marvellous, that we can transform death.'



# SONGS

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## **'How Wonderful it is to Walk with God'**

(SASB 282/SATB 519 Ellers)

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1.  
How wonderful it is to walk with God  
Along the road that holy men have trod;  
How wonderful it is to hear Him say:  
Fear not, have faith, 'tis I who lead the way!
2.  
How wonderful it is to talk with God  
When cares sweep o'er my spirit like a flood;  
How wonderful it is to hear His voice,  
For when He speaks the desert lands rejoice!
3.  
How wonderful it is to praise my God,  
Who comforts and protects me with His rod;  
How wonderful to praise Him every hour,  
My heart attuned to sing His wondrous power!
4.  
How wonderful it is to fight for God,  
And point poor sinners to the precious blood;  
How wonderful it is to wield His sword  
'Gainst sin, the enemy of Christ, my Lord!
5.  
How wonderful 'twill be to live with God  
When I have crossed death's deep and swelling flood;  
How wonderful to see Him face to face  
When I have fought the fight and won the race!

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Theodore Hopkins Kitching

## **'Deep were the Scarlet Stains of Sin'**

(SASB 176/SATB 56 Warrington)

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1.  
Deep were the scarlet stains of sin,  
Strong were the bonds of fault within;  
But now I stand both pure and free,  
The blood of Jesus cleanses me.
2.  
Strong are the foes that round me creep,  
Constant the vigil I must keep  
But from a secret armoury  
The grace of Jesus strengthens me.
3.  
What though the treacherous  
road may wind,  
Faith in my heart assures my mind;  
E'en when His face I do not see,  
The hand of Jesus reaches me.
4.  
This is the lamp to pilgrim given,  
This is my passport into Heaven,  
Portent of immortality,  
That God, through Jesus, dwells in me.

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Olive Holbrook

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# SONGS

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## 'Christ in Me'

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1.

Christ of glory, Prince of Peace,  
Let Thy life in mine increase;  
Though I live may it be shown  
'Tis Thy life and not my own.  
Dwell within that men may see  
Christ in me,  
Christ, the living Christ, in me.

2.

Answer now my soul's desire,  
Purge my heart with holy fire,  
Soothe the hurt with gentle balm,  
Breathe within my life Thy charm,  
Fill me now, so shall there be  
Christ in me,  
Christ, the holy Christ, in me.

3.

Gracious Lord, Thy grace apply,  
Both to save and sanctify;  
All my life wilt Thou control,  
Calmly ordering the whole,  
That the world may ever see  
Christ in me,  
Christ, and only Christ,  
Christ, and only Christ,  
Christ, and only Christ, in me.  
Christ, and only Christ, in me.

## 'O Thou Who Camest From Above'

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(SASB 199/SATB 23 Hereford)

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1.

O Thou who camest from above  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.

2.

There let it for Thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

3.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up Thy gift in me.

4.

Ready for all Thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.



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### **'Thine is the Kingdom, Lord'**

(SASB 171/ arr: Crown Him with Many Crowns)

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1.

Thine is the Kingdom, Lord  
Thou art the King of kings;  
Thy realm enfolds the universe  
And Heaven its tribute brings;  
Though evil forces seem  
On earth to hold the sway,  
Thy loyal peoples wait in faith  
To hail Thy crowning day.

2.

Thine is the power, O Lord,  
Nor Heaven nor earth can break;  
The oceans move at Thy command,  
The stars their courses make.  
Thou canst the breath of man  
Bestow or canst withhold;  
Of all the wonders of Thy power  
No tongue has ever told.

3.

Thine is the glory, Lord,  
The greatness and the praise,  
The final victory over death,  
The end of mortal days,  
All majesty is Thine,  
Beyond the poet's pen,  
For Thou art life, and light and love:  
Amen, amen, amen!

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Arch R. Wiggins

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### **Benediction: 'Let Nothing Disturb Thee'**

(SASB 956/SATB 780 St Theresa)

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1.

Let nothing disturb thee,  
Nothing affright thee;  
All things are passing,  
God never changeth!  
Patient endurance attaineth to all things;  
Who God possesseth in nothing is wanting;  
Alone God sufficeth.

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Teresa of Avila trs  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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**Promoted to Glory—Friday 20 March 2015**

**Service of Thanksgiving—Tuesday 31 March 2015**

Melbourne Town Hall  
Swanston Street, Melbourne,  
Victoria, Australia