

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of

David Paulin

and
Requiem Eucharist



St Stephen's Anglican Church
Richmond
August 8th, 2018
10.30 a.m.

Officiating

The Very Rev'd Dr Stuart Blackler
Locum Priest of St Stephen's Richmond

The Rev'd Dennis Webster
Vicar, Parish of Gisborne
Vicar of St Stephen's Richmond 2009-2017

Gathering in God's Name

The celebrant will greet the people and then say:

Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together

to thank God for the life of David Paulin,

to mourn and honour him,

to lay to rest his mortal body,

and to support one another in grief.

We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.

Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ

share eternal life with him.

Therefore in faith and hope we turn to God,

who created and sustains us all.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22–23

As we come forth naked from our mother's womb,

so shall we go again, naked as we came.

We shall take nothing for our toil,

which we may carry away.

This also is a grievous ill: just as we came, so shall we go.

Ecclesiastes 5.15–16

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution. Standing, the priest says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray together:

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Elaine Warne will read from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31.1-7

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
'Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.'

For thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night.

**The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.**

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Please stand.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Jesus said to the woman:

Great is your faith, be it done for you as you wish.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 15,
beginning at the twenty-first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily
and
Remembering David

A Litany of Remembrance

We thank you, our Father,
that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us.
We thank you that you raised him from the dead.
We thank you for the gift of life, and the life of David.
Bring us, with David and all your faithful people,
to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Grant us forgiveness, and assure us of your love.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Strengthen us to love and obey you,
that we may live the rest of our lives in following your Son,
and be ready when you call us to the fullness of eternal life.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn.
Be close to them in their loss.
Increase their faith in your undying love.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Show your mercy to the dying.
Sustain them with hope,
and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants in every age.
May we, with David and all who have died in the faith of Christ,
be brought to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Please stand.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The priest says

The peace of the Lord be always be with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Fatherlike 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, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish,
Our God lives unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!
Praise the high Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry F. Lyte, 1834

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading.

With all your saints

we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with David all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,

we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son
we here proclaim his passion and death,
and his victory over the grave.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with David all your faithful people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
we offer our prayer and praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The priest breaks the bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
grant him rest.

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Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
grant him rest eternal.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

The Commendation and Committal

[Let us pray.]

Lord of life and death,
we thank you that in your great love
you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all your saints.
Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death may be to us
a comfort in affliction,

a firm assurance of his resurrection,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
where death and sorrow are no more,
but all things are made new. **Amen.**

David's coffin is blessed with both incense and Holy Water.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our brother David
by water and the Spirit.

Grant that his death may recall to us your victory
over death, and be an occasion for us
to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow
where you have led the way,
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Let us entrust our brother David to the mercy of God.

**Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust David to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
in glory for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have given us a sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.
We here commit the body of our dear brother David
to be cremated
to the deep
to be buried in the ground,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
and who shall change our mortal body
that it may be like his glorious body.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has 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,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Translator: Catherine Winkworth
Author: Martin Rinkart (1636)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

Let us depart in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.