

# **Service of Thanksgiving**

*for the life of*

***Laurence Phillip  
Brokenshire CBE***



**20<sup>th</sup> October 1952 – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Funeral Service at Holy Rood Church  
on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 11:30am

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*Conducted by Reverend Charles Overton*

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**LOVE DIVINE** *Charles Wesley*

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 trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty

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.

## **PSALM 23 A PSALM OF DAVID**

*Read by Ethel, Laurie's wife*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want;  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life, shall surely follow me;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord for ever.

### **READING** Acts 2:22-28

*Read by Sarah Pearson & Rachel Peel, Laurie's daughters*

Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

David said about him "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

## **ADDRESS**

*by Phillip Brokenshire, Laurie's son*

## **HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE?**

*Stuart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His Only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## **TRIBUTE**

*Read by Matthew Brokenshire, Laurie's son*

## **FAITHFUL ONE**

*Brian Doerksen*

Faithful one, so unchanging  
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace  
Lord of all I depend on you  
I call out to you, again and again  
I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble  
You lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is, the anchor  
My hope is in You alone.

## **ADDRESS**

*Reverend Charles Overton*

## **ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE,**

*William Whiting*

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## **PRAYERS**

*Reverend Charles Overton*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done  
On Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us,  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours,  
Now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **HOW GREAT THOU ART** *Carl Boberg*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God his son not sparing,  
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home- what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

## **THE COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL**

The service will be followed by a private burial at Crofton  
Cemetery.

Many thanks to Mr Andy Benoy-The Organist, The Church Music Group and Reverend Charles Overton for conducting the service.

Light refreshments will be served in the Church Centre; the family will join you after the interment

Should you wish to make a donation in memory of  
Laurie  
you can pay directly to the charity or please make cheques payable to either

*Macmillan Cancer Support*  
*'CVM Ltd' (Christian Vision for Men)*  
*Care for the Family*  
*Brain Tumour UK*

and send c/o Churcher & Tribbeck Funeral Directors,  
16 Stubbington Green, Stubbington,  
Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 2JG  
Telephone 01329 664444

The family would like to express their most sincere thanks for all of your prayers, good wishes and kindnesses during the whole of Laurie's illness.