

A Service of Remembrance  
and Thanksgiving

**Christopher John Eve**

March 10, 1946 – June 27, 2023



The Church of St John the Divine  
1611 Quadra Street  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 2L5

# Order of Service

Wednesday, July 12, 2023  
11:00 am

Officiant: The Reverend Patrick Sibley  
Assisted by: The Venerable Craig Hiebert

## Sentences of Scripture

## Introduction & Opening Prayer

## Tributes

Elizabeth Marsden-Jones  
Rosemary Gifford

## Hymn (CP 565 – Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer)

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- 1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.**
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.**

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**Collect** (Prayer for funerals)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Isaiah 61:1-3**

John McLaren

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

**Psalm 82** (responsively by half verse)

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
**he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**

“How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
**and show favour to the wicked?**

Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
**defend the humble and needy;**

Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about  
in darkness; \*  
**all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
**and all of you children of the Most High;**  
Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
**and fall like any prince.'**"  
Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **The Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a**

Erin Kelly

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



1. **Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron power;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.**
2. **For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.  
O great Weaver of our fabric,  
bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colours with your sun.**



3. **Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language:  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in other's dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbour:  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.**

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**Address**

The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Prayers of Intercession (Prayers of the people)**

Carol-Ann Zenger

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion,  
in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection  
die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him  
pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Grant us grace to entrust *Chris* to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favour you bear for your people.

**All: Hear us, Lord.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**All: Our Father  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy 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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Commendation and Farewell

**All:** Give rest, O Christ, to your servant *Chris* with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.  
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and to earth shall we return.  
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”  
All of us go down to the dust;  
yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant *Chris* with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

## Closing Prayer and Blessing

### Nunc Dimitus

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace | according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen | thy salvation.  
Which thou hast prepared | before the face of all people.  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles | and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and | to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without | end. Amen.

## Hymn (CP 485 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

BLAENWERN



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.



2. **Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**
3. **Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.**
4. **Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**
5. **Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,**
6. **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.**

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).  
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901).



*The family invites you to join them for a sit down luncheon  
in the Baumann Centre (parish hall) immediately  
following the service.*

*We invite those watching on Zoom to remain for a virtual reception.*

Organist: David Stratkauskas

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Crucifer: Susanna Peterson

Pall Bearers:

Mark Hanson, Daryl Hardin, Barry Lucier  
Richard Routledge, Dion Van Dusen, Michael Zenger



Micah 6:8

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*



## Obituary

In spite of compassionate and excellent medical care by the Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria Cancer Agency, Chris died quietly on June 27, 2023. Chris was born on March 10, 1946 in Gravesend, Kent, UK to Frederick John Eve and Beryl Gibby, both now deceased.

Chris is survived by his wife, Penny, several friends and cousins in the UK, and France, as well as many friends in Victoria. Through his passion for correspondence chess he made many friends around the world also.

Affectionately dubbed “The Boss” by his best friend Rosemary, he spent his life striving for social justice, ably spearheading many campaigns. As a librarian in the UK he headed up the Architects’ Library for the Greater London Council. He was also a Labour Councillor in London. In BC he was highly active with the NDP as a volunteer and was employed for 21 years as a research officer for the BC NDP Caucus.

His strong spirituality called him to volunteer in the Anglican Church, including 30 years of refugee work.

Chris’ funeral will be held at the St. John the Divine Anglican Church, 1611 Quadra Street, Victoria, on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow.

For those unable to attend in person, please attend virtually:

<https://bc-anglican-ca.zoom.us/j/81939498642?pwd=UHcrTmE0QTg3UHRtWm9TU0kvRH10dz09>

Or livestream through the St. John the Divine Website:

<https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/livestreams/312>

The service will remain available to watch on either the Zoom or YouTube links at a later time.

If you would like to make a donation in Chris’ name please do so to Rainbow Haven. Please contact St. John’s Church office for details: [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)