FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

BRIAN GERARD BURTON

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SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, ARMIDALE 2PM MONDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2022

OPENING HYMN Sing A New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord Let your song be sung from mountains high Sing a new song unto the Lord Singing 'alleluia

Shout with gladness, dance for joy! O come before the Lord And play for God on glad tambourines And let your trumpet sound

Sing a new song unto the Lord Let your song be sung from mountains high Sing a new song unto the Lord Singing 'alleluia

Rise, o' children, from your sleep Your Saviour now has come He has turned your sorrow to joy And filled your soul with song

Sing a new song unto the Lord Let your song be sung from mountains high Sing a new song unto the Lord Singing 'alleluia

Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord
The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised
I know my Saviour lives

Sing a new song unto the Lord Let your song be sung from mountains high Sing a new song unto the Lord Singing 'alleluia Singing 'alleluia

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN

PLACING OF THE PALL AND OTHER SYMBOLS

Priest: In the waters of baptism, Brian died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him eternal glory.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Brian whom you have called out of this world; and because he put his hope and trust in you, command that he be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO PHILIPPIANS (3:20-21) Read by Richard Burton

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 62

Read by Natalie Ramazani

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

O God, you are my God, for you l long; For you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you Like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary To see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, My lips will speak your praise. R

So I will bless you all my life, In your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, My mouth shall praise you with joy. R

You have been my help; In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; Your right hand holds me fast. R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (Jn 14:1-6)

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews: I tell you most solemnly, whoever listens to my words, and believes in the one who sent me, has eternal life; without being brought to judgement he has passed from death to life. I tell you most solemnly, the hour will come in fact it is here already when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and all who hear it will live. For the Father, who is source of life, has made the Son the source of life; and, because he is the Son of Man, has appointed him supreme judge. Do not be surprised at this, for the hour is coming when the dead will leave their graves at the sound of his voice; those who did good will rise again to life; and those who did evil, to condemnation. I can do nothing by myself; I can only judge as I am told to judge, and my judging is just, because my aim is to do not my own will, but the will of him who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Read by Chris & Daniel Ramazani

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

In Baptism Brian received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead him over the waters of death.

Let us pray to the Lord. Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That all of us, Brian's family and friends, may be comforted in our grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For us the Church that we may prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next.

Let us pray to the Lord. Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life especially Stephen.

Let us pray to the Lord. Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the doctors and nurses at Ken Thompson, who cared for Brian, that their works of service may be richly blessed

Let us pray to the Lord. Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen





LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Played by Kath Russell

REFLECTION HYMN Ave Maria

Sung by Sarah Adeney

Ave Maria Gratia plena
Ave, ave dominus
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui
Ventris tui Jesus
Ave Maria
Ave Maria Mater dei
Ora pro nobis pecatoribus

Ora, ora pro nobis Ora ora pro nobis pecatoribus Nunc et in hora mortis In hora mortis, mortis nostrae In hora mortis nostrae Ave Maria!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we have received the pledge of eternal life.

Hear the prayers we offer for Brian. Freed from the limitations of this life, may he be one with all the redeemed in the joy of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

R. Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. R

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him. R

FINAL COMMENDATION

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Brian and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Brian again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Brian in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Brian in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever.

R. Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN On Eagles Wings

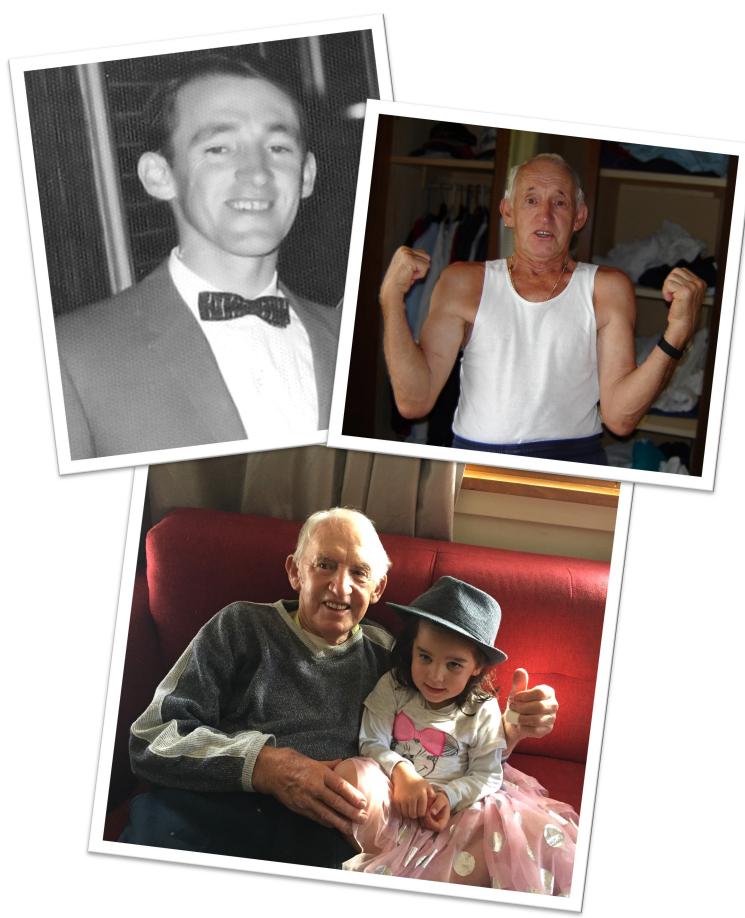
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord. Who abide in his shadow for life Say to the Lord: 'My refuge. My rock in whom I trust.'

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn Make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of his hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield

You need not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day Though thousands fall about you. Near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command. To guard you in all of your ways Upon their hands they will bear you up. Lest you dash your foot against a stone



The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support. The family thank the staff at Ken Thompson Lodge for all of their love and care to Brian over the past four years.