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In Celebration of the life of Barry Valentine 1927-2009



Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island

A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL and THANKSGIVING

for the life of

Barry Valentine

Date of Birth: September 26, 1927 in Shenfield, Essex

Date of Death: October 16, 2009 on Salt Spring Island, BC

Saturday, October 24th, 2009 1:00 p.m. All Saints' By-The-Sea



Officiant: The Reverend Richard L. Stetson Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. James Cowan Organist: David Storm

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"And into that gate they shall enter where there shall be no cloud or sun, no darkness or dazzling but one equal light, no noise or silence but one equal music, no fears or hopes but one equal possession, no foes or friends but one equal communion and identity, no ends or beginnings but one equal eternity.

Sermon XV by John Donne, 1572-1631



Mighty forces, wondrous beauty, tell a greater mind; Quarks and photons, tiny spaceships, speak a world designed. Refrain: Earthen vessels, heavenly treasure, Grace in measure, God in love.

Home and fam'ly, social order, city, nation, race; Human bonding, blessed communion, three-in-one in grace. Refrain

Parish vestry, church convention, bishop, clergy, lay; Canon, Creed and time's agenda, show th'eternal Day. Refrain

Bread and wine and living water, humble means of grace. Outward form and inward meaning, God in human face. Refrain

Saints below and saints in glory, each one bears a part. Christ the Head and we the body, hands and feet and heart. Refrain

Time and form and things created, shadows of the light; Signs of loving will and purpose, heal our blinded sight. Refrain

THE FUNERAL LITURGY

(Book of Alternative Services)

Hymn: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

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Welcome

Burial Sentences:

William Croft 1678-1727

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Collect

One: Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all, Grant us, with your servant Barry and all the faithful departed, The sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Eulogy

The Rev. Chris Cormack

Solo: Whither Must I Wander Don Fisher, soloist music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; words: Robert Louis Stevenson

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9





God creator, radiant in splendour, holy beauty, awesome in might; Far beyond all praise we can render, truth unknowable, source of light. Let the Sanctus shake the portal, cleanse our lips with altar fire; mortals called to mission immortal, duty graced by heart's desire.

God redeemer, wounded healer, bread of heaven, broken for earth. Suffering servant, teacher, revealer, child of God in human birth. In this temple where we meet thee, Lamb of God, both victim and priest; Presence real, we joyfully greet thee, in the eucharistic feast.

God the Spirit, choosing and gifting, fire of tongues and tongues of fire; still small voice our consciences sifting, light our minds, our hearts inspire Here where holy gifts are given, sev'nfold sacraments of grace, breathe on us the wind of heaven, speak good news to ev'ry race.

Trinity,O God most holy, persons three yet truly one; Dwell in this our temple lowly, heavenly life on earth begun. As You dwell in One Another, bonded by the power of love, so may we, by love for each other. live the life of heaven above. the gift of ministry that is in us as the people of God: it is not so much that we have not received it, but that we have neglected to stir it up in ourselves.

"We are all enjoined to stir up the gift that is in us; but we need to remember not only that our gifts come from God but also that the discerning of them belongs to the Church. Spiritual gifts are not the same thing as talents."



The words to the following two hymns' were written by The Rt. Rev. Barry Valentine. Psalm 130: Waiting for Divine Redemption A Song of Ascents.



- Out of the deep have I called unto ' thee O ' Lord; *Lord ' hear ' my ' voice.
- 2 O let thine ears con'sider ' well *the ' voice of ' my com'plaint.
- 3 If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is ' done a'miss, *O ' Lord who ' may a' bide it?
- 4 But there is for'giveness with ' thee; *there' fore shalt ' thou be ' feared.
- 5 I look for the Lord; my'soul doth' wait for him: *in' his word' is my' trust.
- 6 My soul looketh for the Lord more than' watchmen for the' morning, *yea more than' watchmen' for the' morning.
- 7 O Israel trust in the Lord, for with the 'Lord · there is' mercy, *and with 'him is' plenteous re'demption.
- 8 And he shall re'deem ' Israel *from ' all ' his ' sins.







The following excerpts are from the Introduction of "The Gift that is in You: A model for wholeness in ministry" by Barry Valentine.

"One of the lovely customs that my church had—and still has in many places—was that the bishop would give a Bible to a priest on the day of ordination. I still have mine—a little the

worse for wear because, in a mixture of sentimentality and deep roots, I always like to use it when I am attending or conducting retreats and quiet days. It somehow reminds me that anything I have to offer came as a gift of grace.

"What is more pertinent, and perhaps worrying for me, is that the bishop signed my ordination Bible and wrote in it a text—a sort of motto for my ordained ministry. He was old-fashioned enough to write it in Greek, without identifying the book, chapter, and verse, believing, I suppose, that neither should prove any problem for me. With help I was able to translate it, and thereby discover just how wise and percipient he was. He had written: "Do not neglect the gift that is in you" (1 Tim 4.14 and 2 Tim 1.6).

"I cannot tell you how often I have reflected on that inscription as both hope and reprimand. It catches so immediately the sense both that our gifts for ministry come from God and are already in us, in which lies our hope, and also that not to stir them up and make use of them is a neglect, in which we are held accountable. The title of this study is intended to convey the same sense of hope and reprimand. Somebody wrote, "Christianity has not failed; it has never been tried"—an exaggeration with a hint of truth. We might say something similar about



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The family cordially invite you to a reception in the Church Hall following the service.

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Barryisms

It is with affection we present the following quotations, sometimes known as "Barryisms".

 \diamond Heard to comment with a big sigh, "Life is good, but there's too much of it."

◊ "I do mutter, but I don't mumble."

◊ "I really do suffer fools gladly; I've had lots of practice."

♦ "I have to lock my car doors when I go into church. Otherwise, there are always two or three zucchinis in it when I come out."

♦ "The Sacrament does not demand righteousness, it imparts it."

♦ " ... to hold steady in the midst of Paradox."

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Gospel reading: Matthew 11.25-30

Before the Gospel the reader shall say,

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence for Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

- One: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
- All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray. Almighty God y

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.

One: 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.

One: 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.

One: 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.

- One: 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.





Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray. God of love, you have fed us at the table of your kingdom. Teach us to trust, without fear, in your eternal goodness and mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All: Amen.

The Commendation

All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

One: 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.

All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

One: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Barry.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

- One: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
- All: Thanks be to God.
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One: 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.

One: Grant us grace to entrust Barry 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.

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All: Hear us, Lord.

The Peace

All stand.

- One: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- All: And also with you.

Hymn: God of the Sparrow

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Jesu, grant me this, I pray



Tr. (1861) from the Latin (1753) by Rev. Sir H. W. Baker.

3 If the flesh, more dangerous still,

Tempt my soul to deeds of ill.

In thy heart and wounded side.

4 Death will come one day to me;

JESU, cast me not from thee:

Naught I fear when I abide

Dignare me, O Jesu, rogo te. **J**ESU, grant me this, I pray, Ever in thy heart to stay; Let me evermore abide Hidden in thy wounded side. J If the Temp Naug In the

2 If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare, I am safe when I abide In thy heart and wounded side.

Dying let me still abide In thy heart and wounded side. 587

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Celebrar	nt: God of mercy,
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	accept the worship we offer you this day.
	Increase, we pray, our faith,
	deepen our hope,
	and confirm us in your eternal love.
	We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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All: Amen.

The Great Thanks giving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.





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The Communion

Celebrant: This is the bread which has come down from heaven.*All:* Those who eat this bread will live for ever.

Celebrant:The gifts of God for the People of God.All:Thanks be to God.



Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

> For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command, All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

> We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and this blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

