



A Celebration of Life for Brian Dobbin

28 July 1959 to 8 June 2026

2 pm on Saturday July 11, 2026
at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 514 Carnarvon, New Westminster

*please join in the words in **bold type***

*Preludes: organ selections
Excerpts from Requiem by G. Fauré*

Sentences of Comfort & Welcome the Rev. Stephanie Shepard

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever. (*John 11.25–26*)

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. (*John 14.1–3*)

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 8.38–39*)

Gathering Hymn: 'O For a Thousand Tongues' Common Praise 306

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy Name.**

Opening Prayer

Presider: God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us conquered death and by rising again, restored life. May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with Brian and all our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Eulogy: A Few Good Words

Instrumental Music

1st Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon,
But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. ² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, ³ and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. ⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. ⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them

worthy of himself; ⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. ⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. ⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Holy Word, holy wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 61:1-5 & 7-8 (Choir)

Hear my crying O God,
Give ear unto my prayer.

From the end of the earth will I call upon thee,
When my heart is in heaviness;
O lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been my refuge,
And a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever,
And my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

For thou O God hast heard my desires,
And hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

He shall dwell before God for ever;
O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness that they may preserve him.

So will I always sing praise unto thy Name,
That I may perform my vows.

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.

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-9

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans,

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Holy Word, holy wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: 'How Great Thou Art'

Common Praise 423

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

***Refrain: 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,
I 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;**

Refrain

**But 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;**

Refrain

Gospel: John 11:17-27

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn continued:

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"** ***Refrain***

The Prayers

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Brian, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us.

We thank you for the friendship he gave and for the strength and peace he brought.

We thank you for the love he offered and received while he was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in this man's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to him will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which he was great will continue to mean much to us now that he has died.

We ask you that he may go on living in his family and friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences.

We ask you that we who were close to him may now, because of his death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by this death, that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others. May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to exchange a sign of God's peace with the people around you, respecting their comfort with touch.

Refrain *Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name!*

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.** *Refrain*

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.** *Refrain*

**Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.** *Refrain*

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.** *Refrain*

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.** *Refrain*

Presider: God of mercy, accept the praise 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.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: 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:

Sanctus

Common Praise 735

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: 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 his 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.

Presider: As our Lord taught us, we pray:

**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 them that trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Common Praise 747

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Presider: This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

All: Those who eat this bread will live forever.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. The sacrament is offered in bread and wine but receiving in one kind confers the fullness of God's blessing. Gluten free wafers are available by request. You may ask for a blessing instead. During communion:

Hymn: 'She Flies On'

Common Praise 656

Refrain *She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun,
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

**Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled,
and from the heart of god the spirit
moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.**

**Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens,
broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.**

Refrain

**To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark;
the promise of a child of peace
whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the spirit song within her heart.**

**Flying to the river, she waited circling high above
the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water,
she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.**

Refrain

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the spirit touched the earth again,
again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

Refrain

Anthem
Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of love,

All: 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. Amen.

The Commendation Prayer

Presider: And now we give Brian back to his Creator as we say,

**All: Give rest unto your servants 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 we shall 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 unto your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Presider: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
We commend your servant Brian.
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.

All: Amen.

A Final Prayer

Presider: O Lord,

**All: support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.**

Hymn: 'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee'

Common Praise 425

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.**

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: 'Irish Blessing'— by Joyce Ellers, G. Ryan arrange.

The Tolling of the Passing Bell

*All present are invited to the Parish Hall for a reception
following today's service.*

*The family will rejoin you after scattering
Brian's ashes, along with his mother's and father's,
in the Holy Trinity Memorial Garden.*



Thank you to all who took part in this celebration of life, including,

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Stephanie Shepard, Rector, Holy Trinity Cathedral</i>
<i>Chancel Party</i>	<i>Greg Kennelly, Linda Gravlin</i>
<i>Eulogist</i>	<i>John Green</i>
<i>Communion Administrators</i>	<i>The Rev. Michael Deck, the Rev. Alain-Michel Rocheleau, The Ven. Richard Leggett, the Ven. John Bailey, Greg Kennelly, Marnie Godkin, Jackie Lewis</i>
<i>Readers/Intercessors</i>	<i>Kim Steel, Alex Patrick, Greg Kennelly, Jane Pulkingham</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	<i>Nathan Badue, HTC Music Director Brigid Coult, Richmond Chorus Lars Kaario, Paragon/Laudate Singers & Capilano U.</i>
<i>Choristers</i>	<i>The Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir, with members of the Richmond Chorus, Laudate, Paragon, and choral friends</i>
<i>Catering</i>	<i>Columbia Street Sandwich Company and the community of HTC and friends</i>

