



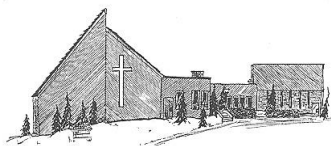
A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of

Rita Jebamalar Ramanaden

July 29, 1936 – March 26, 2022

Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 11:00 am

**St. James Anglican Church
6351 Ranchview Dr NW, Calgary, AB**



Liturgy from the Book of Alternative Services
("The Committal" for the graveside is on page 16).

Prelude: Brian Cross (*friend of family*)

Processional Music

Opening Hymn: My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



Welcome

Prayer of Consolation *please take your seat*

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

*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 our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.*

People: **Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 91

Nathanael Mathi (*nephew*)

- ¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.'
- ³ Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
- ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- ⁹ If you say, 'The LORD is my refuge,'
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
- ¹⁰ no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
- ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
- ¹² they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

- ¹⁴ ‘Because he loves me,’ says the LORD, ‘I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honour him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.’”

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-39

Byni Hollis (*friend of family*)

“¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

‘For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Eulogy: Shanthan Somanader (*brother*)

Friends' Tributes:

Email: [Read by Chella Retnanandan (*friend of family*)]

Neville and Tilina Gunasekara
(*friends of family for over 62 years*)

Susy Kurian (*friend of family*)

Live: Sujatha Crane (*friend of family*)

Dolly Fernando ((*friend of family*))

Video: Joel, Joshua, Johanan and Joseph Agarwal
(*friends of family*)

Family's Tributes:

Live: Primrose Somanader (*sister*)

Joyce Vethanayagam (*sister*)

Miriam Williams (*sister*) read by
Ruhesh Williams (*nephew*)

Final Tributes:

Voice: Hiran Selvaratnam (*son-in-law*)

Live: Sabrina Selvaratnam and Shemara Maier
(*granddaughters*)

Isidore Ramanaden (*son*)

Sherine Selvaratnam (*daughter*)

Video Memoir: Made by Shemara Maier

Piano solo music in the video; Nocturne in E flat major (Op. 9, No.2) by Frederic Chopin played by Isidore Ramanaden



Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd / Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
Even for his own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.



Gospel: John 11:25-26

Pritam Agarwal (*friend of family*)

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

“²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

Reader: *The Gospel of Christ.*

People: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Rev. Dr. Dane Neufeld

The Prayers of the People

please be seated

Leader: *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.

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: *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.*

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: *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.*

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: *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.*

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: *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.*

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

Leader: *Grant us grace to entrust Rita to your never-failing love which sustained her in this life. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favour you bear for your people.*

People: **Hear us, Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer *remain seated*

Priest: *And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,*

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

Chorus

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ (yes, He has) has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

Chorus

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

Chorus



The Commendation

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

Dismissal

Priest: *The Eternal God is your dwelling place, and
underneath are the Everlasting Arms.*

**People: Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our
salvation.**

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.



Recessional Music: Take My Hand Precious Lord

The Committal

(for use at the graveside)

Anthem

spoken by the priest

Everyone the Father gives to Me will come to Me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in Me. *John 6.37*

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through His indwelling Spirit.

Romans 8.11

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. *Psalms 16.9*

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. *Psalms 16.11*

Committal Prayer

spoken by the priest

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Rita,

and we commit her body to the ground;
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her.

the Lord make His face to shine upon her

and be gracious to her,

the Lord lift up His countenance upon her

and give her peace. **Amen.**

Prayers

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon her.**

Priest: May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal *spoken by the priest*

May the God of peace
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good
that you may do His will,
working in you that which is pleasing in His sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to Whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Prayers

Father of all, we pray to You for those we love but see no longer. Grant them Your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in Your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of grace and glory, we thank You for Rita, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us. We thank you for the friendship she gave and for the strength and peace she brought. We thank You for the love she offered and received while she was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in this woman's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which she was great will continue to mean much to us now that she is dead.

We ask You that she may go on living in her children, her family and her friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences. We ask You that we who were close to her may now, because of her 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. †**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BOOKLET WITH
YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE TODAY. PLEASE DO
NOT LEAVE IT IN THE PEW.
THANK YOU.**