

A Prayer Service for the life of

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St. James Anglican Church, 6351 Ranchview Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta

Friday, April 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Welcome: Sabrina Selvaratnam (*eldest granddaughter*)

Opening Prayer: Sherine Selvaratnam (*daughter*)

Hymn: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.
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Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Chorus*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (*Chorus*)

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul Crane (*friend of family*)

“¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

Tribute: Bala Abraham (*friend of family*)

Reading: James 1:12 Dileeni Abraham (*friend of family*)

“¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Tribute: Dragan Lemez (*friend of family*)

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:7- 8 Dileeni Abraham (*friend of family*)

“⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

Tribute: Kumar and Renuka Kumarasingam (*friends of family*)

Open Microphone: For those who wish to offer a 20-second tribute

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And 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. (*Chorus*)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!” (*Chorus*)

Closing Prayer: Isidore Ramanaden (*son*)

Closing Remarks: Sherine Selvaratnam

Hymn Singers: Byni Hollis and Barb Banman (*friends of family*)

Pianist: Sherine Selvaratnam (*daughter*)

Trumpeter: Isidore Ramanaden (*son*)

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” Psalm 73:26