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FOR THE LIFE OF



JOHN WILLIAM SLOMAN

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Opening Hymn

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!

Father like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

Welcome and Introduction Reverend Heather Scott

Let us pray

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.

May your life-giving spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.

In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.

Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Symbols

Tribute

David Sloman

Andrew Sloman

Epitaph on my own Friend

by Robert Burns

Cameron Sloman

An honest man here lies at rest,

As e'er God with His image blest:

The friend of man, the friend of truth;

The friend of age, and guide of youth:

Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,

Few heads with knowledge so inform'd:

If there's another world, he lives in bliss;

If there is none, he made the best of this.

Photo Reflection

Psalm 23

Geoff Brewer

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading

The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

Richard Curtis

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

Prayers of the Faithful

Concluding with 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Commendation

Let us entrust John to the mercy of God
Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us
new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust John to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
in glory for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847

John's family sincerely thank you for being here today.
Your presence, prayers, and kind expressions of sympathy
have been a great source of comfort to them.



At the conclusion of the service, you are warmly invited
to gather in the parish hall for refreshments
and an opportunity to share memories of John's life.

The family will join you there following the private interment
of John's ashes in St Faith's memorial garden.



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