

MARKEATON CREMATORIUM
DERBY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



BRIAN BEN PRIESTLEY

7th July 1926 - 28th September 2021

Tuesday 19th October 2021
at 11.00 am

*Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and I am the life;
he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.*

John 11: 25,26

RECEIVING THE COFFIN AT CREMATORIUM BEFORE THE FUNERAL

The minister meets the coffin at the door of the church and says:
We receive the body of our brother, Brian, with confidence in God,
the giver of life, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

THE GATHERING

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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.

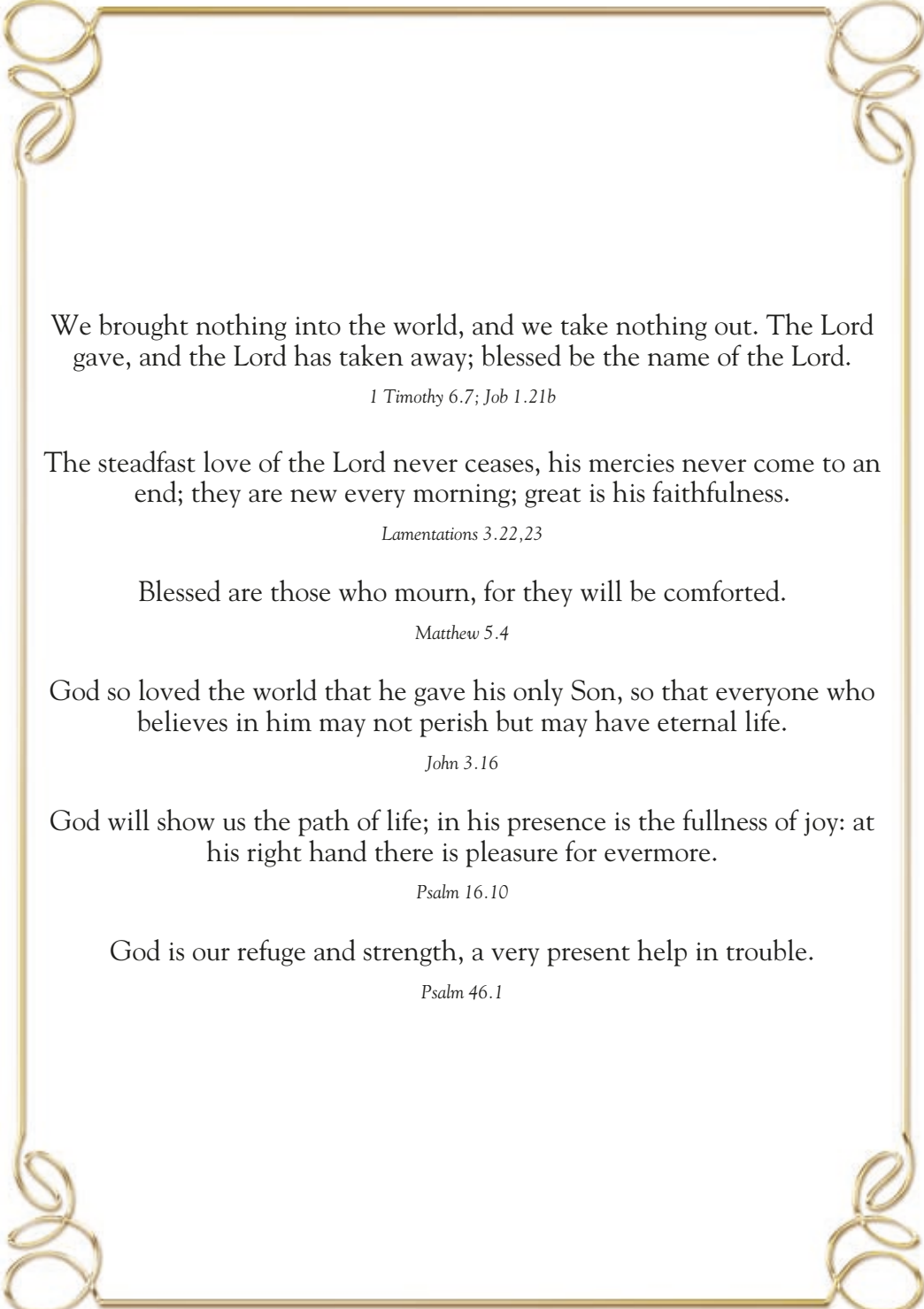
Romans 8.38,39

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

John 11.25,26

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. So we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4.14,17b,18



We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6.7; Job 1.21b

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22,23

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5.4

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

God will show us the path of life; in his presence is the fullness of joy; at his right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Psalms 16.10

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46.1

WELCOME
The Reverend John Rice

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

The minister introduces the service.

We have come here today to remember before God our brother Brian; to give thanks for his life; to commend him to God our merciful redeemer and judge; to commit his body to be cremated, to comfort one another in our grief.

Let us pray as we sit.

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on your children in their loss; give to troubled hearts the light of hope, and strengthen in us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

HYMN

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,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in 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.

AN APPRECIATION

David Priestley

READING

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6, 8-9

“Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them. “Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.

And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. You know the way that leads to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?”

Jesus answered him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need.” Jesus answered, “For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

ADDRESS

The Rev’d John Rice

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

Let us pray.

PRAYERS

God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for Brian, for the grace and mercy he received from you, for all that was good in his life, for the memories we treasure today. Especially we thank you for him as the rock on which the family built and thrived; for his outgoing, cheerful and resilient nature, for his deep love for all the family and the fun he had, teasing and being teased by his grandchildren.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy
All: hear our prayer.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on Brian's family, Mary, Lynne, Patty and David, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren together with all who mourn. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

We say together:

All: God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; in 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.
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

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826 -1893)

COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Please stand.

Let us commend Brian to the mercy
of God our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we entrust Brian to your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

Amen.

God will show us the path of life; in his presence is the fullness of joy: and at his right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

All: Amen.

THE COMMITTAL

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great goodness. As a father is tender towards his children, so is the Lord tender to those that fear him. For he knows of what we are made; he remembers that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone and its place will know it no more. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever toward those that fear him and his righteousness upon their children's children. We have entrusted our brother Brian to God's mercy, and we now commit his body to be cremated earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our frail bodies that they may be conformed to his glorious body, who died, was buried, and rose again for us.

To him be glory for ever.

All: Amen.

In the presence of God
We lay him down.

In the power of God
He shall rise.

In the presence of Christ
He is risen already.

All: Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as
those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.



Brian's family would like to thank you for your kindness, and appreciate your presence here today.

All are invited to refreshments at The Grange Banqueting Suite,
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