



*“Life can only be appreciated by looking backwards  
but it can only be lived by looking forwards...”*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**BRIAN DONNELLY**

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16th July 1937 - 4th April 2024



St. John the Baptist Church, Burscough

Monday 22nd April 2024  
at 1.00 pm



# ORDER OF SERVICE



ENTRANCE MUSIC  
Theme from *Out Of Africa*  
music arrangement by John Barry

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

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

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

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'd first begun.

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## 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 need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O 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!

REFLECTIONS OF A GOOD MAN  
AND A LIFE WELL LIVED

by Kirstie Donnelly, daughter

HYMN

**Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace**

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek...*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**BIBLE READING**

Luke, Chapter 10: verses 25-37

**REFLECTION**

PRAYERS

*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.

HYMN

**Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken, like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

EXIT MUSIC

You'll Never Walk Alone

by Astræa





Brian's family would like to thank you for your attendance today and for the love, support and kindness shown to them at this time.

The family would like you to join them afterwards for refreshments at  
The Hop Vine, Liverpool Road North,  
Burscough, Ormskirk L40 4BY.

Donations are being gratefully received for  
**Age UK (Lancashire)** and **International Needs UK**  
in memory of Brian.



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