

*A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of*



Fred Bretherton

3rd November 1941 – 6th April 2025

St. James' Church, Whitechapel
Friday 25th April 2025
11.00 am

Service conducted by Reverend Gregor Stewart

ORDER

OF

SERVICE

ENTRANCE MUSIC

'Sacrifice'

Elton John

WELCOME

&

OPENING PRAYERS

HYMN

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.

*Oh, 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.

Oh, master...

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.

POEM

'Time' by Dennis Harding

Read by Amy Robinson

Time is the most precious thing you have,

Give it freely.

For it costs nothing but is priceless,

Yet it is appreciated so much.

In happiness it goes quickly,

In sadness slowly,

In deepest adversity, it is a healer.

As a parent the greatest gift you can give your children,

Is time.

As a son or daughter, the greatest gift you can give your parents,

Is time.

So, take it and use it wisely,

For eventually the hourglass of time, will run out.

Though it is yours for every moment you have it,

All too soon it will be gone.

EULOGY

Read by David Cornall

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

'You're My World'

Cilla Black

BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff,
they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies. You anoint my head with oil my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

John 14: 1 – 6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

WORDS OF HOPE
Revd Gregor Stewart

PRAYERS

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

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.

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul...

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.

Then sings my soul...

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!"

Then sings my soul...

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

EXIT MUSIC

'Strangers on the Shore'

Acker Bilk



**The committal and interment will now take place
in the churchyard.**

All are welcome to attend



Fred's family would like to thank you for supporting them at this difficult time, and warmly invite everyone to
The Cross Keys, Whitechapel
for refreshments, following the service.



Donations in memory of Fred may be made to:



via the funeral director.
A donation box will be available

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