

*A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of*



Christopher Eaton Smith

26 July 1944 - 25 September 2024

Christchurch Baptist Church
Monday 14 October 2024

Service conducted by Revd. Chris Brockway

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Read by Kristen Green

Psalm 46

Hymn - O For A Thousand Tongues

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace
2. Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace
3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me
4. My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name

Eulogy

Andrew Giles

Time Of Reflection

'God Be In By Head', composed by Dr Herbert Howells and gifted to Christopher in June 1966 at the Royal College of Music, performed and recorded by Christchurch Priory Choir. Followed by a recording of Christopher playing at his piano recital in February 2015.

Scripture Reading

Read by Revd. Rachel Hughes

John 14:1-3, 27

Hymn - In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Scripture Reading

Read by Revd. Adrian Smith

1 Corinthians 15:3-20

Message

Revd. Clive Burnard

Prayers For Family & Friends

Hymn - Love Divine

1. 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

3. Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace 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

2. Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find Thy promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

4. 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

Blessing

Following the service, you are warmly invited to stay and join the family for light refreshments in the Christian Centre and the Church. During this time, a recording of Christopher's piano recital, 28 February 2015, celebrating 40 years of music ministry at Christchurch Baptist Church, will be played.

Donations In Memory of Christopher Smith

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Christopher, all gifts will be donated to Project Five:One, Christchurch Baptist Church's new build project. A basket will be available after the service and during refreshments. To make

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