

A Celebration For The Life Of

# Tim Sullivan



14th September 1949 -26th March 2023

**St Mary's Church Shroton**  
Wednesday 26th April 2023  
at 1:45pm

Service Conducted by Reverend David John

## **Opening Music: 'Bridge over troubled water' (Simon and Garfunkel)**

### **Greeting:**

We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Today we come together to remember before God our brother Timothy to give thanks for his life, to commend him to God, his merciful redeemer and judge and to comfort one another in our grief.

### **Opening Prayer:**

Father in heaven, we thank you because you made us in your own image and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit.

We thank you now for Timothy and for all that he meant to us.

As we honour his memory, make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

### **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

**Reading : 1 Corinthians 13 (read by Revd David W John.)**

## **Memories are Shared:**

Andrew Armour

Jack Sullivan

Tribute by Maria (read by Revd David W John.)

## **Hymn: 'I vow to thee my country'**

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

## **Prayers of Thanks:**

Father in heaven, we give you thanks for Timothy

We praise you as we recollect his life and cherish his memory.

We bless you that in bearing your image he has brought light to our lives;

for we have seen in his friendship reflections of your compassion,

in his integrity demonstrations of your goodness,

in his faithfulness glimpses of your eternal love.

Grant to each of us, beloved and bereft, the grace to follow his good example

so that we with him may come to your everlasting kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died and rose again and opened the gate of glory,

to whom be praise for all eternity. **Amen.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty Father,  
that you sent your Son to die, and raised him from the dead.  
We praise you in the confidence that you save all your people, living and dead.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord Graciously hear us:**

We thank you for Timothy who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life  
and is now admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord Graciously hear us:**

We pray that the family and friends of our brother Timothy may be consoled in their  
grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of Lazarus his friend.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord Graciously hear us:**

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth,  
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.

According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ  
share with your saints in the joy of heaven, where there is neither sorrow nor pain  
but life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received.**

## 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, oh, 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 pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, 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;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### **The Commendation:**

Almighty God, in your great love you crafted us by your hand  
and breathed life into us by your Spirit.

Although we became a rebellious people, you did not abandon us to our sin.

In your tender mercy you sent your Son to restore in us your image.

In obedience to your will he gave up his life for us,  
bearing in his body our sins on the cross.

By your mighty power you raised him from the grave  
and exalted him to the throne of glory.

Rejoicing in his victory and trusting in your promise to make alive all who turn to  
Christ, we commend Timothy to your mercy and we join with all your faithful  
people and the whole company of heaven in the one unending song of praise:  
glory and wisdom and honour be to our God for ever and ever.

### The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### The Nunc Dimittis:

Now Lord let your servant depart in peace, your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

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 Timothy to your merciful keeping in the name of Jesus our Lord,  
who died and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

Go forth from this world in the love of God the Father who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.  
May the heavenly host sustain you, and the company of heaven enfold you.  
In the communion of the faithful may you dwell this day in peace. **Amen.**

## The Committal:

Man born of woman has but a short time to live. Like a flower we blossom and then wither, like a shadow we flee and never stay. In the midst of life we are in death, to whom can we turn for help, but to you Lord, who are justly angered by our sins

Lord God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death.  
You know the secrets of our hearts; in your mercy hear our prayer,  
forgive us our sins, and at our last hour let us not fall away from you.

We have committed our brother Timothy to God's merciful keeping, looking for the fullness of the resurrection when Christ shall gather all his saints to reign with him in glory for ever. Amen.

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

## Closing Prayer:

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but also for those whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing music: 'Let it be' The Beatles**



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