



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF

Jehan Ranil Algama
(1956 - 2023)

Sunday 23rd June 2024
6.00 p.m.

*‘Crossing the Bar’ by Alfred, Lord Tennyson
reminds us that we should embrace death as the beginning of a journey
instead of the end.*

“Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.”

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–92)



The Service is officiated by
The Venerable Christopher Balraj
Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels

Prebendary Dr. Brian Leathard
Rector, St. Luke’s and Christ Church, Chelsea, U.K.

Rev. Shariya Molegoda
Rector, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Madison, Connecticut, U.S.A

The Service is sung by
Members of ‘Voice of Praise’, Chamber Choir

The Organ is played by
Denham Pereira, Organist, St. Michael and All Angels

Please remain silent before the service begins

Music before the Service

Jesu joy of man’s desiring BWV 147	J. S. Bach (1680–1750)
Elegy	George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)
Te lucis ante terminum Op. 38 No. 5	Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)
Wenn Wir in höchsten BWV 641	J. S. Bach
Schmücke Dich No. 5 from 11 Chorale Preludes	Johann Brahms (1833–1897)

Order of Service

*The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.*

Remain seated as the choir enters and takes their place.

All stand as the clergy enter and take their place in the Sanctuary

All sing

Hymn

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia.**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. Alleluia.**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia.**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia.**

**But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia.**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Alleluia.**

Words: W. Walsham How (1823–97)

Tune: SINE NOMINE
R. Vaughan-Williams (1872–1958)

Remain standing. The Vicar of St. Michael welcomes the congregation

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

and also with you.

Dear friends, we are gathered together in this Church to remember before God Jehan Ranil Algama; to give thanks for his life and to remember his faith, generosity, kindness and loyalty.

We remember Jehan's love of his family and friends and give thanks for his devotion to his children, and the many friends and colleagues he nurtured over the years.

Jesus, Son of David, whose holy house this is, taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for him.

So let us pray first for those who need our prayers:

for the lonely and the unloved,

the lost and the powerless,

the sick and the fearful, that they may know the love of God and feel the hand of friendship and support from those who, like Jehan, love others as God loves us.

Prayers of Penitence

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

Silence is kept

All sing

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us... &c.

Lord, have mercy upon us... &c.

The celebrant continues

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Remain standing. The celebrant says

Collect

O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you this day our brother Jehan.
We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends,
to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,
so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth,
until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All sit

Tribute

given by

Ravi Algama, *brother*

Remain seated. Anil Algama, brother, reads

Reading

A reading from the Prophecy of Joshua Chapter 1

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1. 1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Remain seated. The choir sings

Anthem

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music: Earnest Bullock (1890–1979)

Remain seated

Tributes

given by

Sebastian Retty, *close friend*

Ramani Leathard, *cousin*

All stand to sing

Hymn

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: William C. Smith (1824–1908)

Tune: ST. DENIO
Welsh Traditional Melody

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke Chapter 24

Glory be to Christ our Saviour

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24. 13–35

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Remain standing until invited to be seated

Homily
given by
Shevan Algama, *son*

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers
led by
Sheana Algama, *daughter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Greeting of Peace

Jesus says to his disciples,
‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.’
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Beloved let us love one another for love is of God.

All exchange a sign of peace

Hymn

during which the Bread and Wine are placed on the Altar

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.**

Words: John Newton (1725–1807)

Tune: AUSTRIA
Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Remain standing as the celebrant dedicates the offerings

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharist Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the very night that he was betrayed
to suffer death upon the cross for us,
the Lord Jesus took bread
and when he had given thanks to you almighty Father,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same manner, after supper he took the cup also,
and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying:
Drink, all of you, from this,
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is poured out for many
and for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

**We being many are one bread,
one body for we all partake of the one bread**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

All kneel and silence is kept

The choir sings

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Music: Communion Service in F
Grayston Ives (b.1948)

Giving of Communion

The celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

All sit

Members of the congregation are welcome to move forward to receive communion

During communion the choir sings

Anthem

These are they which follow the Lamb
whithersoever he goeth.
These were redeemed from among men,
being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.
And in their mouth was found no guile,
for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Words: Revelation 14. 4-5

Music: John Goss (1800-80)

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture —
in the body and the blood —
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.**

Words: Liturgy of St. James

Tune: PICARDY
French Carol Melody

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious
God's mercy endures forever.

We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

Remain kneeling

Thanksgiving for the life of Jehan Algama

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us all with the gift of this earthly life
and has given to our brother Jehan
his span of years and gifts of character.
God our Father, we thank you now for all his life,
for every memory of love and joy,
for every good deed done by him
and every sorrow shared with us.
We thank you for his life and for his death,
we thank you for the rest in Christ he now enjoys,
we thank you for giving him to us,
we thank you for the glory we shall share together.
Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All stand to sing

Hymn

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Willams (1717–91)

Tune: CWM RHONDDA
John Hughes (1873–1932)

Remain standing. The celebrant gives

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.

Remain standing as the choir and clergy move out of the Sanctuary and move to the vestry then sit.

Music after the Service

Fugue in C BWV 547

J. S. Bach

Members of the congregation are all invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please follow the family to the Parish Hall



Faithful Lord, lift us up when we are down. Watch over us and keep us safe.