

Memorial Service of
Brian McIlrath
January 4, 2018



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

**The Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
Brian Harvey McIlrath**

January 04, 2018

3:00 pm

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Brian; to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN: *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Brian was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life; Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life; Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,
We glorify you. We praise you. We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Brian. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: *We take time to hear Brian's story. Story telling is central to understanding who we are and conveying what is most important to us.*

Brett, son; Paige, daughter; Scott; brother; Cathlin, sister; and Alan, Brother.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE WORD: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Brian to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer:

Silence for reflection.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Brian.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of
your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Brian into the arms
of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious
company of the saints in light.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BLESSING

May the silence of the hills,
the joy of the winds,
the peace of the fields,
the music of the birds,
the fire of the sun,
the strength of the trees,
and the faith of a little child,
in all of which is God,
go with you and be with you today and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

POSTLUDE

Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Tor Kristian Berg

Pianist: Lucy Kay Osborne

Altar Guild: Donna Hillard

Usher: Walt Stoll

Sound Technician: Ann Bormann

Reception Coordinator: Nancy Funsinn

Brian Harvey McIlrath

March 21, 1945—December 20, 2017

Brian Harvey McIlrath was born on March 21, 1945 at Camp Shoemaker which is now Pleasanton, California. Brian's father, Harvey, was serving in the U.S. Navy at the time of his birth.

Brian, his older brother, Scott, and parents returned to Washington State after the end of the war and lived in Seattle's Union Bay Village, while his father attended the University of Washington.

The family settled in Bothell and grew to include; Cathlin, Laurel, Alan, Paul and Kent.

Brian reminisced often with his children and grandchildren about his adventures growing up on the "mean streets of Bothell." He had so many fond memories.

While in High School Brian began his interest in photography and even for a brief time worked as a camera man at the fledgling Public Television Station in Seattle. Many years later he would share his love of photography with his daughter Stacy and daughter-in-law Anne Marie.

At around fifteen he bought his first Indian motor cycle which he found in a barn at Vetoulli's farm. He really loved riding around the countryside then and more recently on his new Indian. Brian loved telling everybody that his Oncologist prescribed the motorcycle to aid in his cancer treatment.

In 1963, Brian graduated from Bothell High school and joined the US Marine Corp. He served in Vietnam and was very proud of his time in the Marines. That period of his life contributed to the man he would be for the rest of his life: fiercely proud, dedicated and committed to his family.

Brian met and married Karen Gillespie as he began his years in the Corp. Their son, Brett Brian was born November 16, 1966.

In 1968, Brian moved to Southern California and on that New Year's Eve met Lin. They married in 1969, moved to San Diego where (Kimberly and Laurie) two of their four daughters were born.

In 1972, Brian, Lin and their young family moved to Washington. Brian worked during the day at Lockheed Shipbuilding while attending Edmonds Community College in the

evenings earning his Associates Degree. Although accepted to the University of Washington, Brian chose to accept a position working on the Alaskan Pipeline in Valdez, Alaska. Once the pipeline project was completed Brian returned to Lockheed and the family moved to Snohomish, where two more daughters (Stacy and Paige) made Lin and Brian's family complete. When Lockheed closed their Seattle shipyard, Brian began his second career at Boeing.

As Brian's children grew and started their own families, he celebrated each son-in-law and grandchild into the family. Brian was happiest when his children and grandchildren gathered at his home and filled it with their voices and laughter.

Once Brian retired, he and Lin traveled to Mexico, Hawaii, and even made a transatlantic crossing on the Queen Mary to England, but what Brian loved most were the "road trips" Lin and him took.

When diagnosed with stage four lung cancer three years ago, Brian faced this challenge with the same bravery he displayed all his life, and again did what he had to for his family. Three years from his diagnosis Brian was in remission and ready to resume his life again. He was feeling and looking wonderful and making plans for a road trip

Brian, your legacy will live on through your children and grandchildren who gave you so much joy.

We love you.

Lin, Brett (Ann Marie), Kimberly (Anthony), Laurie (Scott), Stacy (Thane), Paige (Dan), Emily, Clark, Chloe, Alice, Julia, Fisher, Lowden, Cole, Curtis, and Lachlan.

Memorials may be made to the First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund or to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America, 15 South Franklin Street New Ulm, MN 56073 (<http://lcfamerica.org/get-involved/ways-to-contribute/>).



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