



# A Service of Thanksgiving

for the life of

## Ric (Cedric) Evan Sibley

31 October 1938 ~ 19 October 2022

Brougham Place Uniting Church

Officiating Ministers

Revs Jenni & John Hughes

Rev Dr Gillies Ambler

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God moves in a mysterious way,  
God's wonders to perform.  
William Cowper 1731—1800

## PRELUDE ACCOMPANIED WITH PHOTOS

### WELCOME

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

### GREETING

As we gather in community and hope,  
may God be with you.

**And also with you.**

### SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

### OPENING PRAYER

### WE SING THE GREAT LOVE OF GOD

1. The great love of God  
is revealed in the Son,  
who came to this earth  
to redeem everyone.
2. That love, like a stream  
flowing clear to the sea,  
makes clean every heart  
that from sin would be free.
3. It binds the whole world,  
every barrier it breaks,  
the hills it lays low,  
and the mountains it shakes.
4. It's yours, it is ours,  
O how lavishly giv'n!  
the pearl of great price,  
and the treasure of heav'n.

## A TRIBUTE TO RIC SIBLEY

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8: 35, 37—39

The Gospel of Christ, Light of the World.  
**Thanks be to God.**

WE SING 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.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life 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.
3. 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.

## REFLECTION: THE POWER OF LOVE—GOD’S LOVE AND OURS

### HEARTFELT PRAYERS

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

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

#### POEM: GO SOFTLY WITH OUR LOVE

#### COMMENDATION

#### MUSICAL REFLECTION: LOVE WILLS LOVE

#### THE COMMITTAL

WE SING      FATHER IN HEAVEN

1.      Father in heaven,  
         grant to your children  
         mercy and blessing,  
         songs never ceasing,  
         love to unite us,  
         grace to redeem us –  
         Father in heaven,  
         Father our God.
  
2.      Jesus, Redeemer,  
         may we remember  
         your gracious passion,  
         your resurrection.  
         Worship we bring you,  
         praise we shall sing you –  
         Jesus, Redeemer,  
         Jesus our Lord.
  
3.      Spirit descending  
         whose is the blessing,  
         strength for the weary,  
         help for the needy;  
         make us your temple,  
         born a new people –  
         Spirit descending,  
         Spirit adored.

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CELTIC BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE ACCOMPANIED WITH PHOTOS

*Following our thanksgiving service for Ric Sibley today, please join Ric's family for light refreshments in the church hall downstairs.*