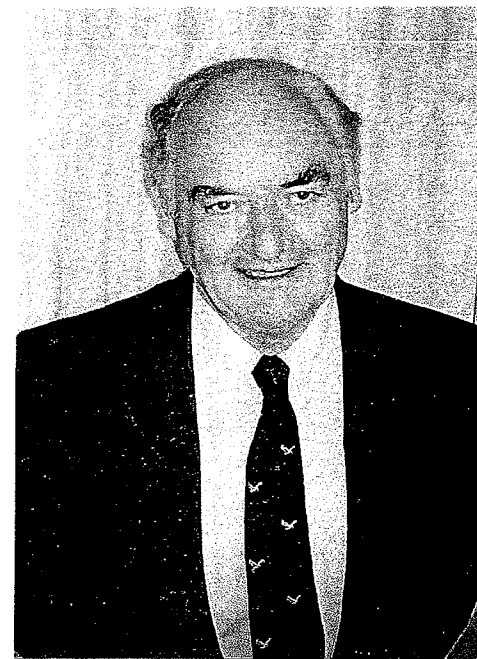


A Mass of Thanksgiving  
celebrating the life of

# Charles Hugh Francis

AM, QC, RFD



Born: 15<sup>th</sup> July 1924  
Born to eternal life: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009

St Joseph's Church  
Stanhope Street, Malvern  
Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Celebrants: Bishop Peter Elliott  
Fr Greg Brett CM  
Fr John Martis SJ

Ushers: Alastair Keen  
Callum Todd  
Stuart Keen  
Andrew Stewart

Candle: Rowena Francis  
Ellen Keen  
Brooke Francis

Holy Water: Lisa Francis  
Isobel Todd  
Anna Stewart

Symbol: Derek Francis  
James Francis

Words of Remembrance: Prue Francis  
David Francis

Readers: Lisa Francis  
Michael Francis  
Rowena Francis  
Rachel Stewart  
Lauren Francis  
Geoffrey Francis  
Katherine Francis

Pall Bearers: Nicholas Francis  
Michael Francis  
Geoffrey Francis  
Derek Francis  
Ben Birch  
Matthew Keen

## Gathering Hymn – Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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## Procession of Symbols

### Remembering Baptism

Lisa Francis, Isobel Todd  
& Anna Stewart

Bishop Elliott: We open our hearts to the presence of the Risen Christ and we bring forward the Waters of Baptism, for in the waters of Baptism Charles died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

**ALL:** *May Charles now share with Christ eternal glory.*

## Proclaiming the Easter Candle

Rowena Francis, Ellen Keen  
& Brooke Francis

Bishop Elliott: We open our hearts to the presence of the Risen Christ and we bring forward the Easter Candle, which calls to mind that, in his life, Charles walked in the Light of Christ.

**ALL:** *May Charles be brought into God's kingdom of light, love and peace.*

## Symbols of Life

Derek Francis & James Francis

Bishop Elliott: We open our hearts to the presence of the Risen Christ and we bring forward symbols of Charles' life. As we acknowledge his life we pray that he will share with Christ the life of the Resurrection.

## Words of Remembrance

Prue Francis & David Francis

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Revelations 14:15

Lisa Francis

I John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.'  
The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord's my Shepherd  
(sung)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green:  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup over flows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me:  
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

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**Second Reading:** Corinthians 4:14-5:1 Michael Francis

We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are

invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation  
of the world.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

Bishop Elliott

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle;  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn;  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right;  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful;  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart;  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers;  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily:** Fr John Martis SJ

**Prayers of Intercession:** Rowena Francis, Rachel Stewart,  
Lauren Francis, Geoffrey Francis  
& Katherine Francis

We pray that God will receive our thanksgiving for the life of Charles Francis, and grant repose to his soul. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our Prayer**

We pray that all of us, Charles' family and friends maybe comforted in our grief. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our Prayer**

We pray that the right to life of unborn children and the needs of children all over the world are respected. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our Prayer**

We pray that political leaders will have the wisdom and courage to pursue policies of justice and compassion. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our Prayer**

We pray that the nations of the world will follow Jesus' example of peace, love and goodwill towards all. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our Prayer**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Music:** Ave Maria (Schubert)

**Procession of Gifts:** Sonia Francis, Jack Francis & Lachlan Francis

**Communion Hymn – Nearer My God To Thee (Sarah Adams)**

Nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.  
E'en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be.  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer,  
The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me,  
May rest a stone,  
Yet in my dreams I'd be  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

There let my way appear  
Steps unto heaven;  
All that Thou sendest me  
In mercy given;  
Angels to beckon me  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

Then with my waking thoughts  
Bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs  
Bethel I'll raise,  
So by my woes to be  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

Or if on joyful wing,  
Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,  
Upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

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## FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

Bishop Elliott: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Charles. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully meet Charles again, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

### Sprinkling with the Waters of Baptism & Incense

#### Song of Farewell

Bishop Elliott: Saints of God, come to his aid.  
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord...

***ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.***

Bishop Elliott: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,  
May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

***ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God, the Most High.***

Bishop Elliott: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let your light shine on him forever.

***ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.***

Bishop Elliott: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Charles, in the sure and certain hope that together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise to life on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant Charles and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith until we all meet in Christ and are with you and our brother forever.

**ALL: AMEN!**

Bishop Elliott: Let us take our brother Charles to his place of rest.

**Recessional Song – Ode to Joy: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**  
(Van Dyke & Beethoven)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

*Text: Henry Van Dyke*

*Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; Arr. by Edward Hodges*

After Mass Charles Francis' family would be happy  
for you to join us for refreshments at  
St John's Anglican Church Hall  
86 Clendon Road, Toorak