



A Service

Celebrating the Life of

The Hon. Roland “Roy” McMurtry, OC OOnt KC LSM

May 31, 1932 – March 18, 2024

Monday, March 25, 2024

2:00pm

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

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Server	<i>David Grant</i>
Tributes	<i>Dr. James McMurtry Dr. Robert McMurtry The Hon. Dennis O'Connor</i>
Director of Music and Organist	<i>Thomas Bell</i>
Sung by	<i>Members of the Choir of St. James Cathedral</i>

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Order of Service

Prelude A Memorial Piece
Choral Preludes

Sir Charles H. H. Parry
J. S. Bach

Please stand.

Burial Sentences

William Croft

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand
at the latter day upon the earth.
And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God:
whom I shall see for myself,
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world,
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;
blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Greeting

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

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Tributes

Hymn Praise my Soul
Praise, my soul the King of heaven;
to His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored forgiven,
evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;
you behold Him face to face.
Saints triumphant, bow before Him;
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Please remain standing.

The Collect

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, with your servant Roy, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Reader A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

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.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121
Choir

Chant by Henry Walford Davies

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
 from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you;
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Reading

Matthew 25:31, 34-40

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Choir

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

The Apostles’ Creed

Please stand.

Officiant

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say

All

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor May all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection die to sin and rise to newness of life, and may we with him pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Grant us grace to entrust Roy to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favour you bear for your people.

People **Hear us, Lord.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

All **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.**

The Commendation

The Kontakion

Arranged by Walter Parrott

Choir Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing but life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal formed from the dust of the earth,
and unto earth shall we return:
for so thou didst ordain,
when thou created me saying:
Dust thou art und unto dust shalt thou return.
All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing but life everlasting.

Prayer of Commendation

Bishop Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Roy.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the
saints in light.

People **Amen.**

Bishop The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting
arms.

People **Blessed is the Lord, our strength and our salvation.**

Bishop Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord

People **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Bishop May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the
great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you
with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is
pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am 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 hath 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.

Officiant Go forth in the name of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson

*You are invited to join Roy's family for a reception in
Snell Hall after the service.*

There will be a private service of Committal at a later time.

The Hon. Roland “Roy” McMurtry, OC OOnt KC LSM

Beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died on the evening of March 18, 2024.

Dad was a big man. In every way. His professional, political, and judicial accomplishments are well known and documented elsewhere. To his six children he was a loving family man. He will be remembered as a jovial giant by his 12 grandchildren. He delighted in the chaos of the frequent family gatherings, especially at our beloved cottage. While public service was his calling; painting was his passion. He produced thousands of canvases which decorate homes across the country and have been auctioned for various charities. He was a fiercely loyal friend and a ferociously competitive athlete.

Dad was born May 31, 1932, to Elizebeth and Roland Roy McMurtry. He is predeceased by his wife, Ria Jean, to whom he was married for 66 years. He is also predeceased by his brothers William and John and survived by his brother Robert.

Dad is also survived by his children, Janet, Jim, Harry, Jeannie, Erin and Michael; children-in-law, Ross, Laurie, Deborah, Patti and Chris; grandchildren, Lauren, Marlena, Aidan, David, Devin, Caillin, Thomas, Matthew, Tynan, Callie, Zoey and Kaia; and great-grandchildren, Elliot, Finn, George, Cotty and Bruce.





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