**A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of**

**Christopher Brian Petty**

**3rd June 1939 – 20th May 2020**

*Entry music - ‘Earth’ from the Gladiator soundtrack (slow movement)*

**Welcome**

**Family Tributes**

**Reflection**

**Bible Reading** 1 Corinthians 13

I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains—but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians++13&version=GNT#fen-GNT-31700a)]—but if I have no love, this does me no good.

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

Love is eternal. There are inspired messages, but they are temporary; there are gifts of speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease; there is knowledge, but it will pass. For our gifts of knowledge and of inspired messages are only partial; but when what is perfect comes, then what is partial will disappear.

When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways. What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror; then we shall see face-to-face. What I know now is only partial; then it will be complete—as complete as God's knowledge of me.

Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

**Address**

**Prayers**

The response to these prayers following Lord in your Mercy, is ‘hear our prayer’.

[Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.]**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

**Hymn *we remain seated and listen***

**God be in my head and in my understanding**

**Commendation and Farewell**

**The Committal**

**The Dismissal**

*Final music - Mozart Clarinet Concerto the 2nd Movement*