



**In Loving Memory
Of
Charles Stewart Tyler**

I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' John 11.25,26

I am convinced that neither death, nor life ... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.38,39

We have come here today to remember before God, Stewart; to give thanks for his life; to commend him to God our merciful redeemer and judge; to commit his body to be cremated, and to comfort one another in our grief.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, you have not made us for darkness and death but for life with you forever.

As we remember Stewart,

look with compassion on us in our loss;

give to troubled hearts the light of hope

and strengthen in us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 - Praise to God for a Living Hope

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater

worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Talk

Hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Prayers:

We give back to you, O God, those whom you gave to us.
You did not lose them when you gave them to us,

and we do not lose them by their return to you.
Your Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die.
So death is only an horizon,
and an horizon is only the limit of our sight.
Open our eyes to see more clearly,
and draw us closer to you,
so that we may know
we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you.
You have told us that you are preparing a place for us:
prepare us, that where you are we may be always,
O dear Lord of life and death.

(William Penn)

Loving God we thank you for Stewart and his life.;
thank you for the light of your love constantly upon him;
thank you for the love he shared over all of these years
with his precious family and friends;
thank you for his stalwart faith and loving service to you,
and to those around him.
Thank you for all of the precious memories we shall always
cherish.....

Give us grace we pray, like him, to follow in Christ's footsteps
towards everlasting life.

Oh God, who brought us to birth and in whose arms we die, in
our grief and shock contain and comfort us;
we pray especially for Stewart's beloved family and friends.

For his wife Jackie, daughters Nicola and Caroline, grandchildren Charlie, Erin and Callum and for son in law Phil.
Embrace them, and all of us, with your love,
give us hope in our confusion and grace to let go into new life;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**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.**

We commend Stewart to God's everlasting mercy:

Stewart, go forth from this world
in the love of God the Father who created you,
in the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.
May the heavenly host sustain you, the company of heaven
enfold you, and in communion with all the faithful,
may you dwell this day, in peace. **Amen.**

Committal

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great goodness.

As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are but as grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it,
it is gone and its place will know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever toward those that fear him
and his righteousness upon their children's children.
Amen

We have entrusted our precious Brother to God's mercy,
and now, in preparation for burial,
we give his body to be cremated.
We look for the fullness of the resurrection
when Christ shall gather all his saints
to reign with him in glory for ever. **Amen.**

May God give you divine comfort and peace,
light and joy, in this world and the next.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you,
and those whom you love, always. **Amen.**