

In Loving Memory
and in Celebration of the Life of
Brian Peter McConnell OAM



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St Ninian's Uniting Church, Lyneham ACT
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Minister: Rev Alan White
Music by Alison Oakleigh and Josie Barac

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When anyone attempts to make something happen it becomes more likely

Order of Service

Introductory music by Paul Simon - a favourite of Brian's

Welcome and Introduction

Prayers

Song: Let it Be (written by Paul McCartney)

1. When I find myself in times of trouble
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
And in my hour of darkness
She is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Chorus 1

*Let it be, let it be. Let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be*

2. And when the broken hearted people
Living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be
For though they may be parted
There is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be

Chorus 2

*Let it be, let it be. Let it be, let it be
Yeah, there will be an answer, let it be*

3. And when the night is cloudy
There is still a light that shines on me
Shine on until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music,
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Repeat Chorus 1 and Chorus 2

Words of Remembrance: Darryl McConnell, son
Josephine Barac, daughter
Bill Bush, friend

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a read by Marty Barac, Grandson
Matthew 5: 3-10 A modern interpretation of the
Beatitudes by Lorraine Parkinson read by Mary Bush

Hymn: The Near Edge - words by George Stuart, tune Jerusalem

1. What can we do? Concerns arise;
What can we do but sympathise?
We cannot rid the world of pain;
We often cry, "It's all in vain."

2. Hunger and violence, poverty,
Injustice and inequity,
All seem to have the upper hand;
What can we do to make a stand?

3. Many a problem seems so gross,
Yet often issues come quite close;
This nearest edge is just the place
To give support and act with grace.

4. Giving ourselves at pers'nal cost,
To speak the truth, retrieve the lost,
To share our wealth, forgive the foe,
Is where the Christ in us would go.

Homily: Rev Alan White

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.

Hymn: Amazing Grace

1. 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.
2. 'twas Grace that taught,
my heart to fear.
And grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead us home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Irish Blessing - Rev Alan White

May the feet of God walk with you and his hand hold you tight
May the eye of God rest on you and his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you, and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you, and his love bring you home.

You are now welcome to join the cortege to the Gungahlin Cemetery or if you wish, to go directly to the home where refreshments will be available. Marion and family would be pleased to have you join them.

The family wish to sincerely thank all those who have joined them today. They appreciate that many have come from interstate and overseas.