

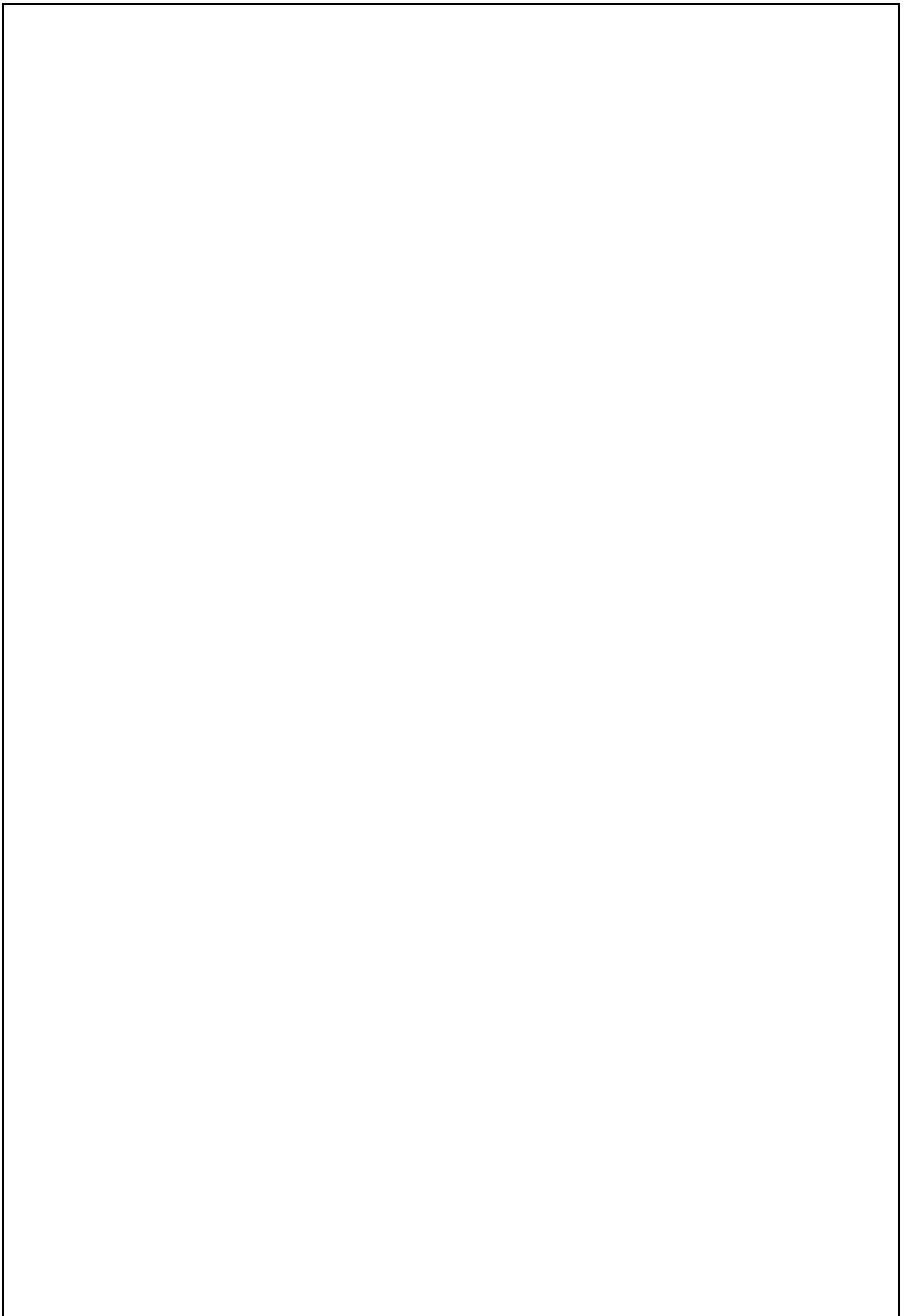
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Acton**



**Requiem Mass of  
Paul Louis Maria Susay  
26th September 1933 - 8th May 2023  
RIP**

**Tuesday 27th June 2023  
10.00am**

**Celebrant: Fr Jude Kurumeh C.S.Sp**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Father Jude meets the family at the Church entrance and blesses the ashes with holy water.*

**Celebrant:** In the waters of Baptism,  
**Paul Louis** died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.  
May he now share with Him eternal glory.

*All Please Stand*

### ENTRY PROCESSION

#### **Hymn: I WATCH THE SUNRISE**

*I watch the sunrise, lighting the sky  
Casting its shadows near  
And on this morning, bright though it be  
I feel those shadows near me.  
**But you are always close to me  
Following all my ways  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.***

*I watch the sunlight  
Shine through the clouds  
Warming the earth below.  
And at the mid-day*

*Life seems to say  
I feel your brightness near me.  
**For you are always close to me  
Following all my ways  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.***

*I watch the sunset fading away  
Lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes its eyes  
I feel your brightness near me.  
**For you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.***

*I watch the moonlight  
Guarding the night  
Waiting 'til morning comes.  
The air is silent  
Earth is at rest  
Only your peace is near me.  
**Yes, you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.***

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**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And with your spirit

## **THE PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS, AND FAMILY SYMBOLS – Father Jude**

*Read by* **Kevin**

*The family have brought symbols of Paul's life as gifts to join him here today, also reminding us that he loved to give little gifts before we went our separate ways.*

**Xavier** brings Paul's baseball cap because he never went on a journey without choosing a cap from his vast collection, and he also had a great love of all sports, both playing and watching.

**Parisa** brings up a cake because Paul had quite a sweet tooth and loved a cake or biscuit with his coffee, keeping a great collection for his visitors. But he also had great knowledge of traditional food and was an amazing cook who loved to feed everyone.

**Alice** brings part of Paul's prayer collection, a lottery slip and glasses, as he often sought divine intervention for a winning ticket, but mostly because his religious cards always brought him great comfort, often giving them away as gifts. During his last weeks, he especially held the Holy Family and Saint Padre Pio.

**Isabella** brings Paul's crucifix which he always wore around his neck and she brings a plant, as he loved so many aspects of nature, both of these representing his faith and connection to God.

**Olivia** brings up a candle because Paul lit candles for loved ones, both here and departed, every day. He loved their light and it is a symbol of his deep devotion to family, friends and their wellbeing.

**Sophia** brings one of Paul's repair tools, a symbol of his working life as a mechanic, an electronics engineer, and his lifelong passion for DIY - also symbolising his great generosity - no mission was impossible and he was always willing to help in whatever way he could.

**And for Louie**, Anna brings Paul's treasured Freedom Bus Pass and phone which took him on many adventures around London, and sometimes beyond. In his younger years, he would also bring a walkman with earphones, as he really enjoyed music and radio.

**Celebrant:** In life, **Paul Louis** cherished the Gospel of Christ. May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life: Come, blessed of my Father!

In Baptism, **Paul Louis** received the sign of the cross.  
May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

### **Opening prayer**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray

God of loving kindness,  
Listen favourably to our prayers:  
Strengthen our belief that your son has risen from the dead,  
and our hope that your servant **Paul Louis** will also rise again.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*All Please Sit*

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: A reading from the Book of  
Ecclesiastes (3:1-8) *Read by Isabella***

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 22**

*Read by Sophia*

**Response:**

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help: whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life,  
before whom shall I shrink.

**Response**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold His temple.

**Response**

Oh Lord, hear my voice when I call,  
have mercy and answer.  
It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek:  
hide not Your face.

**Response**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's  
goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart,  
hope in the Lord.

**Response**

**SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of  
St. Paul to the Corinthians (13: 4-14)** *Read by Alice*

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 gift of knowledge is only partial, but when what is perfect comes, that which 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 of 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.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*All Please Stand*

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me will never die. Alleluia!**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit**

## **GOSPEL**

**Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (5: 1-12)**

**All: Glory to You O Lord**

**Celebrant:**

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”.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

*All Please Sit*

**HOMILY** *Father Jude*

## **PRAYERS of the FAITHFUL**

*Read by : Olivia, David, Anna, Romeo, Parisa, Xavier*

Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection.

**1.** Paul showed us how to follow you faithfully and carry our burdens with good grace. May we feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of grief and those burdens. May we all be strengthened by Paul's example and remember, especially in times of trouble and anxiety, that God loves us and cares for us. We pray to the Lord of Life.

**R: Hear our prayer.**

**2.** For Paul, who in Baptism received the light of Christ; he shared this life with many - now may he be led by that light and join eternal life in the company of saints.

We pray to the Lord of Life.

**R: Hear our prayer.**

**3.** For all Paul's loved ones, family and friends, here present and in many parts of the world, joining in heart, on livestream and recording. We give thanks for Paul's long presence in our lives, until we are brought together again.

We remember Paul's grandson Louie in New York, his sister Anna & family in Singapore and England, sister Grace and family and friends in London and England, sister Philo and family in West Malaysia, and the families of his deceased brothers Tony, Francis and Xavier, also there and in Australia, together with Paul's extended family and friends in Ireland and the Philippines. We pray to the Lord of life.

**R: Hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for the people of all faiths and nationalities who work tirelessly on a daily basis to care for the elderly, sick and dying with kindness, respect, and compassion - the befrienders, home carers and those in numerous hospitals and facilities who supported Paul over the years. And, in his final weeks and days, the staff of Acton Care Centre and his family and friends. We pray to the Lord of Life.

**R: Hear our prayer.**

5. As we pray for Paul let us also remember our departed family and friends. We especially remember his parents, Lourdes David and Adakalai Mary, his brothers and extended family. May they be granted everlasting peace.

We pray to the Lord of Life.

**R: Hear our prayer.**

6. For all who need our prayers around the world; that we may be inspired by the example of Paul's faith, to try to live out Christ's great commandment to love. May we all be instruments of peace, ready for the time when we pass from this world into the next. We pray to the Lord of Life.

**R: Hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:**

Let us ask Mary, Mother of God, who stood by the cross as her son was dying to intercede for those who mourn and be with us all in our time of need.

**Hymn : HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAV'N**

*Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean Star:*

*Guide of the wand'rer here below,*

*Toss'd on life's surge we claim thy care;*

*Save us from peril and from woe.*

*Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,*

*Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.*

**All:**

**Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus (bow head). Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God, in whom all find refuge, we appeal to your boundless mercy. Grant to the soul of your servant **Paul Louis** a kindly welcome and entry into everlasting life.

*All Please Sit*

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORY - Gifts brought by Gena & Olivia**

**Offertory Hymn: HERE I AM LORD**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

**Here I am Lord. It is I, Lord.**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame.  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread i will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

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*All Please Stand.*

**Celebrant:** Pray, brothers and sisters,  
That my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,  
the Almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
For the praise and glory of His name,  
For our good, and the good of all His holy Church.**

***Prayer over the Offerings***

Look favourably on our offerings O Lord,  
so that your departed servant **Paul Louis** be taken up into  
glory with your Son in whose great mystery of love, we are  
all united.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

**PREFACE I FOR THE DEAD:** *The hope of resurrection in  
Christ*

**Celebrant:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our  
salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,  
that those saddened by the certainty of dying, might be  
consoled by the promise of immortality to come.

Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended,  
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal  
dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,

with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*All Please Sit or Kneel*

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

**Celebrant:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

***TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.***

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:



***TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL  
COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR  
YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF  
SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.***

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

**Celebrant:** The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.**

**Celebrant:** Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Vincent our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant **Paul Louis** whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Remember also, our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and Blessed Joseph, her spouse with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Celebrant:** Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God almighty Father,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All honour and glory is yours.  
For ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## **COMMUNION RITE**

*All Please Stand*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Celebrant:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare 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 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.**

**Celebrant:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil graciously grant us peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we wait the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

### **RITE OF PEACE**

**Celebrant:** Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace, I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will Who live and reign for ever and ever,

**All: Amen**

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace with a bow

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.**

**Celebrant:** behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy  
That you should enter under my roof,  
But only say the word  
And my soul shall be healed.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Catholics, and non-Catholics, who cannot receive  
communion, are encouraged to come forward for a blessing,  
crossing your hands over your chest.*

**Communion Hymns:**

**MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (St.  
Francis' prayer)**

*Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.  
Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.*

**Refrain:**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is in giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

***Refrain***

*Make me a channel of your peace.*

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**BE NOT AFRAID**

*You shall cross the barren desert,  
But you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety,  
Though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.*

***Refrain:***

***Be not afraid,  
I go before you always,  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.***

*If you pass through raging waters in the sea  
You shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.*

***Refrain***

*And blessed are your poor  
For the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn  
For one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you  
All because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you.*

***Refrain***

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### **COMMUNION REFLECTION**

**Peace At Last.** *Read by Vincent*

May the Lord support us all the day long.  
Til the shades lengthen and the evening comes.  
And the busy world is hushed,  
And the fever of life is over,  
And our work is done.  
Then in his mercy, may He give us a safe lodging, a holy rest,  
and peace at last. Amen.

**Celebrant:** Lord God, whose Son left us,  
in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully  
grant that, strengthened by it, **Paul Louis** may come to the  
eternal table of Christ.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever,

**All: Amen**

## **EULOGY**

Hymn: **Shine Jesus, Shine** - *Sung by Xavier*

### ***Refrain:***

***Shine, Jesus, shine***

***Fill this land with the Father's glory.***

***Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.***

***Flow, river, flow***

***Flood the nations with grace and mercy.***

***Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness*

*So our faces display your likeness*

*Ever changing from glory to glory*

*Mirrored here may our lives tell your story*

*Shine on me, shine on me*

### ***Refrain***

***Send forth your word Lord, and let there be,.***

***Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.***

**Eulogy:** *Read by Anna and Grace*

## **THE FINAL COMMENDATION**

**Celebrant:** Our brother **Paul Louis** has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, let us commend him to the loving mercy of our Father and let our prayers go with him/her. He was adopted as God's son in Baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord; may he now inherit

the promise of eternal life and take his place at the table of God's children in heaven. Let us pray also on our own behalf, that we who now mourn and are saddened, may one day go forth with our brother to meet the Lord of life when He appears in glory.

**SIGNS OF FAREWELL:** *Incensing of the coffin*

**Hymn of Farewell: HE WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLES WINGS**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

**Refrain:**

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day, Under his wings your refuge  
His faithfulness your shield  
For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Refrain**

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**Celebrant:** 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.**

**Celebrant:** May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

**Celebrant:** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

**Celebrant:** Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend **Paul Louis** in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon him in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant **Paul Louis** 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 mother forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** In peace, let us commend **Paul Louis'** soul to God, his mortal remains to later be taken to his place of rest.

**Recessional Hymn: HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain:**

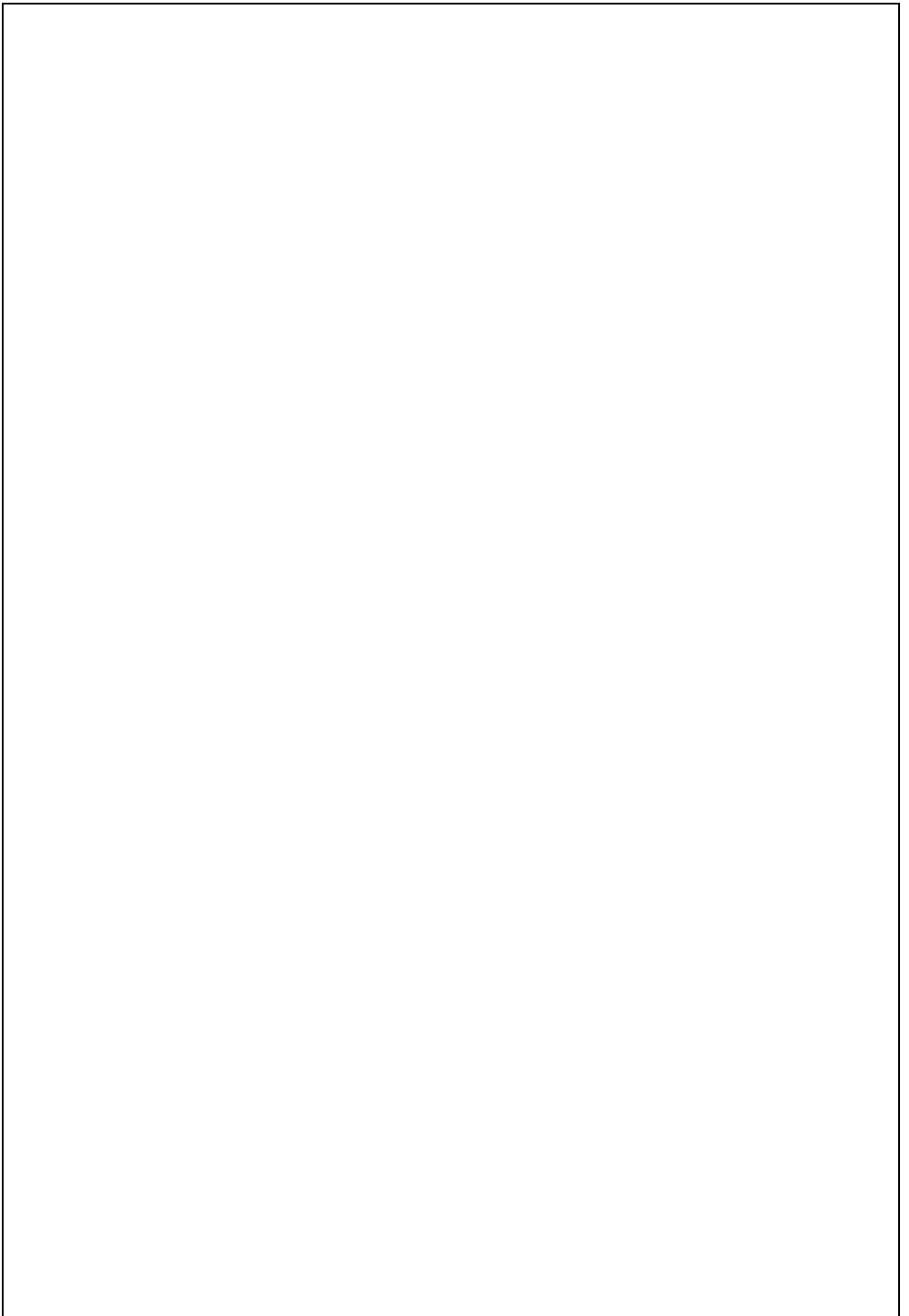
**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.**

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**Refrain**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.**





### **As I Leave You**

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*Whenever you are in need, call me.*

*I will come to you, with my arms full of wisdom and light, to open up your blocked paths, to untangle your knots and to be your avenue to God.*

*All I take with me as I leave is your love and the millions of memories of all that we have shared. So I truly enter my new life as a millionaire.*

*Fear not, nor grieve at my departure, you whom I have loved so much, for my roots and yours are forever intertwined.*