A Celebration of the Life
of

Jeffrey David Bleach

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11:00 AM

St. George's Anglican Church
Guelph, Ontario

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THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle burns at every Funeral
and Memorial Service, as well as at every Baptism.
It burns as a constant reminder that
Christ, "The Light of the World,"
is present at the beginning of life and beyond.
May the presence of the risen Christ
support and sustain us
through every moment of our lives,
in sadness as well as in joy.

Celebrant	*The Rev. Victor Kischak*
Intercessor	*The Rev. David Shumaker*
Organist	*Jeff Enns*
Piper	*Don Hamilton*
Carillonneur	*Desmond Hamilton*
Soloist	*Gord Burnett*
Sexton	*Toni Atieh*
Crucifer	*Daniel Hamilton*
Videographer	*Paul Deacon*

Lament *The Dark Isle, performed by Don Hamilton*

Opening Words

Celebrant: I am the Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die. And everyone who has life, and is committed to me in faith, shall not die for ever. John 11:25–26

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38–39

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 by the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7, Job 1:21

Welcome and Introduction to the Service

Celebrant: 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.**

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show

compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death and by rising again, restored life. May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.
Amen.

Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Verse 1
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.

Chorus
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.

Verse 2
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.

Chorus
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.

Verse 3
Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Chorus
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.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 – *read in unison*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'
And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.

Revelation 21:1-5

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

Gradual Hymn #531 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

The Gospel of Christ

Reader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:1-6

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily/Eulogy The Rev. Victor Kischak
with remembrances from family and friends

Solo Healer of Our Every Ill, sung by Gord Burnett
(text and music by Marty Haugen)

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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 Jeff 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 Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #423 *How Great Thou Art*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Celebrant: God of mercy, accept the worship we offer you this day. Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your eternal love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

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 them that 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: This is the bread which has come down from heaven.
People: **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymns 56 *I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life*
63 *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Solo Jerusalem, sung by Gord Burnett
(written by William Blake, composed by Sir Hubert Parry)

The Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
"You are dust, and to dust you shall return."
All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Jeff. 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.**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.

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

Celebrant: May his soul and the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; and committing our brother Jeff to thy gracious keeping, we pray that we with him, and with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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

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

Celebrant: May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you and those that you love, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Amazing Grace, performed by Don Hamilton

Please join the family following the service for a time of refreshment and reflection in Mitchell Hall, lower level of St. George's Anglican Church.

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14: 1-3

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Jeff left us suddenly on December 28, 2025 as a result of an accident in Vernon, BC. He leaves behind his children, Quinn and Billy Bleach and his wife Erin Wallace.

Survived by his mother Marilyn, and her husband, Sigi, as well as his extended Schranz family: Erhard (Allison), Ellen (Travis), Tom (Bethany), Xavier (Karen), Mathias (Tracy), Sigi Jr (Kristen), and Liesel. Jeff was predeceased by his brother Bill the III, and his father Bill Jr.

Jeff lived life to the fullest, whether outdoors, involved with family activities, running with his beloved dog Grizzly or in community engagement. He was a long time employee of the Government of Alberta, working for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development, in Lands and Forestry. His latest position was as Senior Lands Officer. He also volunteered with the Hinton Fire Department where he was a Lieutenant with the Department. He enjoyed taking multiple certification courses with the Fire Department and training new recruits. Representing 5 government branches with the Alberta Union of Public Employees, Jeff could also be found in Union meetings, around the bargaining table, negotiating the latest contract which was just finalized in the summer of 2025.

Education and learning was an important part of Jeff's life. He graduated from Sault College, Fish and Wildlife Program. After a few years of researching the Pine Beetle infestation, he went back to Thompson River University in Kamloops, BC to obtain his degree in Natural Resource Science. Jeff was constantly reading, researching or taking yet another course to better himself, both in his work and personally.

No job was too big or too small for Jeff, as he found joy in fixing the car or truck, doing home renovations, repairing a kid's bike, cooking the family dinner, helping a neighbour or friend. One of his favourite activities was baking muffins, or cooking pancakes with Quinn and Billy, for breakfast Sunday mornings.