

A Service of Celebration
for the life and witness of
Frederick Gordon Collier



July 11, 1930 – March 26, 2024

St. James Anglican Church
137 Melville St.
Dundas, Ontario
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Saturday, April 20, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Officiants: The Rev. Canon Peter Davison
The Rev. Carol Overing
The Rev. Alex Morris
Pianist: Jennifer Goodine

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Jennifer Goodine

Medley of Songs

Piper: Gordon Scott

Welcome & Opening Sentences

(Remain standing as you are able)

Officiant 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.

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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All And also with you

The Collect

The priest leads a prayer to gather our thoughts as a community

Officiant Let us pray.
O God, our Comforter,
you are a refuge and strength for us,
always close at hand when we are distressed.
Hear our prayers for your faithful servant,
Gord, whom we have loved all our days but see
no longer, and for ourselves, as we find new ways
without him.
Open our ears to words of faith to ease our grief,
and renew hope and trust in our hearts and
souls again. By the power of your Holy Spirit,
lift from us our sorrow.
Be with us in this time together,
and fill us with the peace you alone can give,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

Remembrance **Mick Stewart**

Remembrance **Scott Collier & Sarah Haagsma
Lauren & Brooke Collier**

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 23 *(said together)*

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways*

for his name's sake.

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup overflows.*

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

The Gospel read by Rev. Alex Morris

(please stand as you are able)

Reader God be with you.
All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel according to John (10:11-18)
All Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to

this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Reflection

The Rev. Canon Peter Davison

Prayers for the Gathered Community

The Rev. Carol Overing

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Gord, who was near and dear to us, and who has now died.

We thank you for his friendship and strength, and his great sense of humour. We thank you for the love he offered and received while he was with us on this earth.

We pray that nothing good in Gord's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to him will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which he was great will continue to mean much to us now that he has died.

We ask you that Gord may go on living in his son, Scott, all of his family and his friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and consciences.

We ask you that we who were close to Gord may now, because of his death, be even closer to each other, and that

we may, in peace and friendship here on earth always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death. May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen One. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering all of our prayers into the one great prayer Jesus taught we pray,

All 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.

The Commendation *(please stand as you are able)*

**All 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.**

**Give rest, O Christ,
to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant, Gord.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a soul 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.

All Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant May the God who said, Let there be light,
be a light upon your path this day.
May the God of life fill you with all peace,
sustain you by mercy
and comfort you with grace.

Officiant May the blessing of God,
the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with you always.

All Amen.

Piper: Gordon Scott

“Going Home”

Everyone is invited to join the Collier family in the Dundas Room for fellowship, food, and the continued celebration of Gord's life immediately following the service.



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