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ST. ANDREWS ANGLICAN CHURCH 20.7.18

*Order of
Service*

Acknowledgment of country –
Christel Palmer

Welcome and introduction –
Rev. Allan Moore

Prayer – Netti Kachel

Songs - The Rose & As the Deer

Readings

Song - Peter Branjerdporn – Lean on Me

Eulogy – Imogene Kaminski, Gail Barringham
& Katie Manning

Prayer – Dave Andrews

Song - Andrew Wilcox – I Will be There
(bringing of flowers to the front)

Homily – Rev. Allan Moore

Song – The Prayer of St. Francis

Closing prayer and committal –
Rev. Allan Moore

Matthew 5 The Message

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.



Spiritual transformation is often thought of as movement from darkness to light.

In one sense that is true, while in another sense, this image fails to show the whole picture. Darkness is always present alongside the light. Pure light blinds; shadows are required for our seeing. We know the light most fully in contrast with its opposite – the dark. There is something that can only be known by going through the “night sea journey” into the belly of the whale, from which we are spit up on an utterly new shore.

There are no perfect institutions and no perfect people. There is only the struggle to be whole... Jesus shows us the way of redemptive suffering instead of redemptive violence. Patience comes from our attempts to hold together an always mixed reality. Perfectionism only makes us resentful and judgmental. Grateful people emerge in a world rightly defined, where even darkness is no surprise but an opportunity.

— *Richard Rohr*

Physical death, then, is not about the approach of a destructive monster that cuts off your life and drags you to an unknown place. Masquerading behind the face of your physical death is the image and presence of your deepest self, waiting to meet and embrace you.

Deep down, you hunger to meet your soul. All during the course of our lives we struggle to catch up with ourselves. We are so taken up, so busy and distracted, that we cannot dedicate enough time or recognition to the depths within us. We endeavour to see ourselves and meet ourselves; yet there is such complexity in us and so many layers to the human heart that we rarely ever encounter ourselves.

At our death, all the defensive barriers that separate and exclude us from our presence fall away; the full embrace of the soul gathers around us. For that reason, death need not be a negative or destructive event. Your death can be a wonderfully creative event opening you up to embrace the divine that always lived secretly inside you.

—John O'Donahue

*I Will Be
There"*

PAUL BRADY
& JOHN O'KANE

When times are hard
And friends are few
And you need someone
To help you through
Just call my name
And I'll come running to your side
Don't be afraid, don't be afraid

I will be there
(When you are lost, lost in the night
Nowhere to turn)
I will be there
(Don't be afraid, don't be afraid)

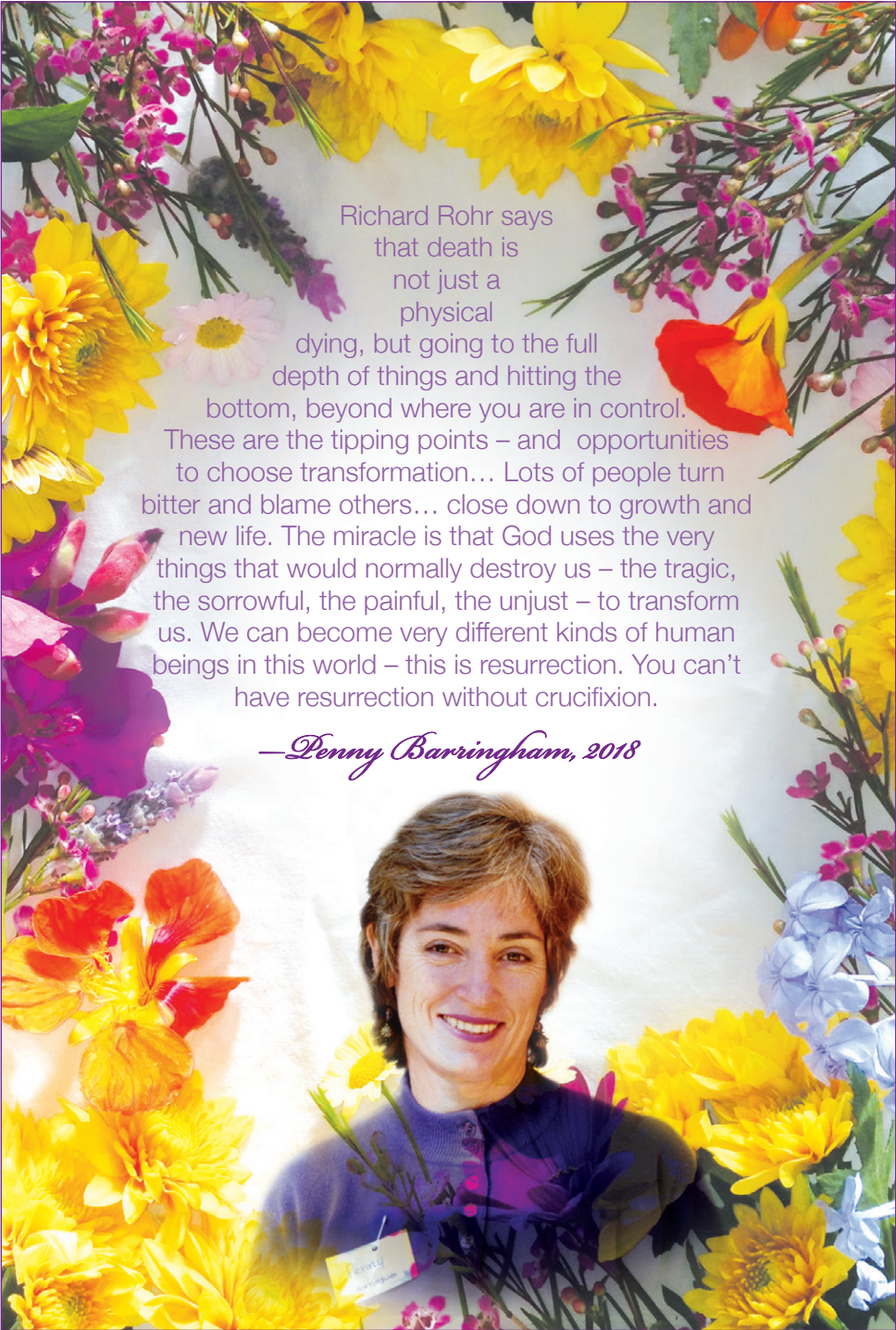
When morning comes
And nothing's changed
And the world outside
Plays the same old game
Just call on me
And I will ease your lonely heart
Don't be afraid, don't be afraid



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(Don't be afraid, don't be afraid)
I will be there
(When everyone that you believed
Still lets you down)
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that death is
not just a
physical
dying, but going to the full
depth of things and hitting the
bottom, beyond where you are in control.
These are the tipping points – and opportunities
to choose transformation... Lots of people turn
bitter and blame others... close down to growth and
new life. The miracle is that God uses the very
things that would normally destroy us – the tragic,
the sorrowful, the painful, the unjust – to transform
us. We can become very different kinds of human
beings in this world – this is resurrection. You can't
have resurrection without crucifixion.

—Denny Barringham, 2018

