

**Pallbearers**  
**FAMILY & FRIENDS**



**We Thank You**

*We will always remember with deep gratitude your many kind words of sympathy which were a source of comfort to us at the passing of our loved one.*

***The Family of the late***  
**JUNIOR WILLIAM ANTHONY THORNHILL**

*There will be no reception after the burial since the family would prefer to spend this time in quiet reflection.*



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**A Service Of Thanksgiving For The Life Of**

***Junior William***  
***Anthony Thornhill***

**BETTER KNOWN AS “MURDOCK”**

of Harbour View, Pineland, St. Michael

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

**ST.AMBROSE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Cyrus Street, The City, St. Michael

**Officiating Minister**  
*The Reverend Clive Thomas*

**Interment**  
Westbury Cemetery



## *I Am Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I am free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all:  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.*

*I've found my place at the close of the day.  
If parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My Life's been full, I've savoured much  
Good friends, good times a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free.*



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## *Order Of Service*

### **Sentences**

**Hymn** ..... *Through All The Changing Scenes Of Life*

### **Reception of the Body**

### **The Collect**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading:**

Lamentations 3:22-26 ..... *Margaret Leon*

### **Psalm 46**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading:**

John 14:1-6 ..... *Angela Duplissis*

**Eulogy** ..... *Faye Oxley*

### **The Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**Hymn** ..... *Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven*

### **Prayers**

### **Commendation**

**Hymn** ..... *The Strife Is O'er*

### **The Nunc Dimittis**



## *At The Graveside*



### THE COMMITTAL

#### HYMNS

- *Amazing Grace*
- *To God Be The Glory*
- *When We All Get To Heaven*



## *When We All Get To Heaven*

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;  
Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed,  
He'll prepare for us a place.

### Refrain:

**When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory!**

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,  
Clouds will over spread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over,  
Not a shadow, not a sigh!

Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving ev'ry day.  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon His beauty we'll behold.  
Soon the pearly gates will open;  
We shall tread the streets of gold.



## To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

### Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father,  
Through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory;  
Great things he hath done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us,  
Great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.



## Through All The Changing Scenes Of Life

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt His Name;  
When in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.

The Hosts of God encamp around  
The dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance He affords to all  
Who on His succour trust.

O make but trial of His love:  
Experience will decide  
How blessed are they, and only they,  
Who in His truth confide.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you His service your delight,  
Your wants shall be His care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## Psalm 46

1. God is our refuge and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
3. Though its waters rage and foam, \* and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
4. The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
5. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \* the holy habitation of the Most High.
6. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \* God shall help her at the break of day.
7. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \* God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
8. The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
9. Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \* what awesome things he has done on earth.'
10. It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \* he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
11. "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \* I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
12. The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now, I see.

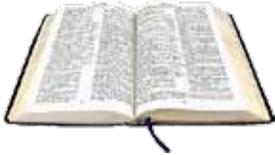
T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.



## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to the word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the son; and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.



## Eulogy



*Good Morning. My name is Faye Oxley and for those of you who don't know me, I am the daughter of the late Shirley Oxley and the niece of our dearly departed Junior William Anthony Thornhill reverently and affectionately known as "Murdock".*

*Junior was the youngest of 5 children from my adoring, beautiful, and strong grandmother Mary Eudene Thornhill affectionately known to most of you as "Dee". It was my grandmother, my uncle David and my uncle Junior who resided in that house on Harbourview as a threesome for decades and decades together, until my uncle David moved out and then it was only my grandmother and her baby Junior together.*

*Junior was Dee's light, her baby and the child who never ever left her side and who took care of her right up until her passing in April 2015. For Junior his mother was*

his light, his reason and motivation to get up and go every day to work religiously, devotedly and fervently to his job at the National Sports Council to which he contributed 34 years and 2 months of dedicated duty of service as a groundsman. His superior Neil Murrell and his co-workers Esther Williams & Yvette Braithwaite-Maynard shared stories with me of how jovial, silly and even how serious “Murdock” could be and they had a very special working bond and friendship with him. He especially had a great working relationship with his other fellow colleague Ronnie Thompson, who too is also now retired.

“Murdock” was a hard worker and he did what he had to in order to take care of his “light” (his mother) his everything, and his reason to carry on, but eventually tragedy would hit our family, and Junior lost his sister, and my mother who was a very constant and close source of support to both my grandmother and Junior. This was difficult for Junior, but 6 short weeks after that, Junior lost his brother David, another light in his life gone, and then 8 months after his brother’s passing came his true light (his mother Dee) After my mother and my uncles passing, I knew this was an extremely difficult time for Junior, especially because his mother was ill at that time.

I decided to be there not only for my grandmother but also specifically for her baby Junior, and I made a vow to my grandmother before she passed on that I would never ever leave him, and I didn’t. Junior lost his ‘light’ when his mother passed, his reason to carry on, his motivation and spark, his passion, and his willingness. Life just got harder and harder and lonelier and lonelier for him, and depression sank in quickly. I took it upon myself to check -in with him every other month from Toronto,

## The Strife Is O’er

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor’s triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:

**Alleluia!**

Death’s mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:

**Alleluia!**

On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:

**Alleluia!**

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to Thee:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.



*Canada, where I reside and live, and he always was happy when I came, he looked forward to my visits, and I looked forward to spending time with him. We did so much together, and he would share in all his memories and stories of grandma, and it was our connection and that bond that held us together close. I was able to give him that glimmer, that spark of light, but what Junior (Murdock) really needed was a check-in with Christ.*

*He needed to check -in with God, because even with my coming every other month, it wasn't enough, it was just a temporary bandaid to a wound so greatly opened that only God could heal and only God could give him that light, and that hope, and the strength and support in numbers at the church that he could get even in his darkest days. I believe that Junior needed that from me, and Murdock needed that from each and everyone of you, because this is the reason why we are here today. We are here as strength, we are here as support, and we are here in love for Junior, for Murdock, and we are his 'light' angels on earth sent from God, and we need to do more, especially in this covid19 climate that we are in, and I can't be there physically, but I am there in God's house with all of you as you are. God is the light which we all need, let us not suffer ever in silence, let us not turn our backs on the light, because we all need God. We all need to check-in, with our families, with our neighbours, with our friends, our co-workers, but above everything else, we need to check-in with God, and today we are doing that for Junior, you are doing that for Murdock, and we need to all continue to do it for God.*

*Thank you so much for being Juniors light in any way that you have touched his life and put that spark in his heart, I sincerely thank you, but more importantly our dearly departed Murdock thanks you, and here in the house*

*of the Lord, God thanks you. And finally, in conclusion,*

*I would like to read from two scriptures:*

***JOHN 8:12 “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”.***

***EPHESIANS 5:8 “For at one time you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”. Peace be with all of you. Rest in peace my dearest and loving uncle, Rest in eternal paradise.. You are checked in with God now, and restored in your light.***



## **Apostles' Creed**



ALL:

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.