



Marlons family thanks you for your love, support, expressions of care and your presence here today. We are most grateful.

You are invited to continue sharing memories of Marlon and singing along to his extensive repertoire of music as follows:

*The Marquee
The Glen Hotel, 24 Gaskell Street, Eight Mile Plains*

Celebrating with Love & Gratitude the Life of

Marlon Christopher
D'Ekenaike

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Order of Service

Entrance Hymn: Come As You Are

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven,
come as you are why stand alone?
2. No need to fear, love sets no limits,
no need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.
3. I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?
4. Come as you are that's how I love you.
Come as you are trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you,
all will be well just come as you are.

Fr Johnny: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Fr Johnny: May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Welcome from Fr Johnny

Fr Johnny: Welcome to all of you who have come to celebrate the life of Marlon D'Ekenaike. Let us pray to our Father in heaven, may He welcome Marlon knowing how much he deserves and desires to be with Him and grant, in his unending love and mercy, comfort to all who have loved and cherished him and will dearly miss him.

All: Amen.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Fr Johnny: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Marlon 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 bestowed upon Marlon 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 and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Fr Johnny: In peace let us take our brother Marlon to his place of rest.

Pall Bearers please come forward

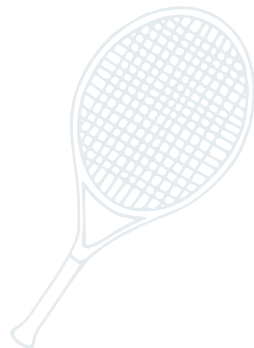
Bryan D'Orta Ekenaike, Don Hooper, Shane Ekenaike,
Glenn Thomasz, Isabella D'Ekenaike, Leon Ekenaike

Recessional Hymn: On Eagles Wings

1. 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.

Chorus: 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 hands.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you
and famine will bring you no fear,
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.
3. You need not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.
4. 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.



Alexandra Hospital who cared for Marlon, that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Johnny: Lord, you are Father of us all and you care for the living and the dead. Comfort us as we put our trust in you and continue to bless us with your loving kindness.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Johnny: 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 in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.x
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation:
but deliver us from evil.
Amen

Final Commendation

Fr Johnny: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Marlon. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Song of Farewell and Blessing with Holy Water

Fr Johnny: 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.

Fr Johnny: 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.

Fr Johnny: 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.

Prayer of Commendation

Fr Johnny: Now let us sprinkle our brother Marlon with Holy Water. In the waters of baptism, Marlon died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.
May he now share with Him eternal glory.

Placing of the Pall

Tracey D'Ekenaike, Isabella D'Ekenaike, Joan D'Orta Ekenaike, Del Hooper.

Fr Johnny: We will now place a funeral pall over Marlon, a reminder of the garment given at his baptism, and therefore signifying life in Christ.

Placing of Symbols of Marlon's life

Steve Plowman, Natalie D'Ekenaike, Jessica Ekenaike, Mark Richards

Fr Johnny: Some of Marlon's family members will now bring forward symbols of his life.

Eulogy

Bryan D'Orta Ekenaike, Shane Ekenaike, Tracey D'Ekenaike, Isabella D'Ekenaike, Natalie D'Ekenaike, Glenn Thomasz, Maeve D'Orta Ekenaike, Carla Hoskin and Cloe Kernick.

Photo Reflection of Marlon's Life

*Broken Halos - Chris Stapleto
Back Home Again - John Denver*

Collect

Fr Johnny: Let us pray.
Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brother Marlon.
In this life you embraced him with your tender love;
deliver him now from every evil
and bid him enter eternal rest.
The old order has passed away:
welcome him then into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Andrew Taylor

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;
I repeat, what I want is your happiness.

Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.
There is no need to worry;
but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.
Finally, friends, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything we love and honour, and everything
that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.
Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (sung): The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

1. *The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow, wherever he leads me
wherever he goes. Over the mountains, the waters and byways, valleys
and highways he's waiting for me.*

Chorus: *I want to go to meet him there to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow, wherever he leads
me wherever he goes.*

2. *And while on the journey to where we are going, he promised to be
there to help us along. And over the mountains we'll walk on together to
know all the wonders he's given to me.*

Please stand to greet the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: Please say together

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me will not die,
but have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Fr Johnny: The Lord be with you
All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr Johnny: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Fr Johnny: 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 Jesus 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 children 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; this is how
they persecuted the prophets before you.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Fr Johnny

General Intercessions

*Natalie D'Ekenaike, Nic Taylor, Judi Taylor, Barb Hooper, and
Richard Edmonds.*

Fr Johnny: Brothers and sisters, we have gathered here to pray to God, the
almighty Father, for our brother Marlon and for his family and
friends who grieve his loss.

1. In baptism, Marlon received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will
now scatter the darkness and lead him over the waters of death. We pray
to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

2. That all of us, Marlon's family and friends, may be comforted in our grief.
We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

3. That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will
look compassionately upon Marlon's family and friends who gather around
him today. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

4. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await
the kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ. We
pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For the paramedics and the doctors, nurses and staff at the Princess