

Xavier James May

24th June 2012— 7th July 2012



Our precious angel, taken from us too soon,
but remembered forever and loved for
eternity, always a part of our family

Order of Service

Opening Words

Entrance Song: The Lord is my shepherd *(all sing)*

*The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow, wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways, valleys and highways he's waiting for me.
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.
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
I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.*

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Lighting of Xavier's baptismal candle

Scripture Readings

Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14 *Nanny, Wendy May*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me"

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

Romans 8:28-39 *Opa, Cees Sliedrecht*

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose ...

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reflection *Aunty, Kirsty Dare*

Eulogy and slides *Mummy, Robyna May*

Song: Raise you up on Eagles Wings *(all sing)*

*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."
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 Hand.*



*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.*

*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 Hand.*

*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.*

*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 Hand.*

*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.*

*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 Hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of
His Hand.*



Those who have brought us great joy
and who we have loved deeply,
we can never truly lose, because that
immense joy and love they have given
us, becomes a part of us .

Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure.



Prayers for Xavier

Aunty, Paulina Sliedrecht We pray for Nathan and Robyna whose dreams, hopes and anticipation have been shattered. May the memories of Xavier bring them consolation at this time.

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

Aunty, Kristine May We pray for Isaac and his cousins, Mason, Finlay, Milla and Brady. God help them to grow in peace and love knowing that Xavier is watching over them.

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

Friend, Elissa Waterson We pray for grandparents, aunts and uncles who mourn the death of a special little boy whom they loved. Comfort them and give them your strength.

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

Friend, Kristy Andronov We pray for the doctors, nurses and staff at the Mater who cared for Xavier and his family during their stay in hospital and afterwards. May God give them strength to continue their work.

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

Mummy, Robyna May We pray with gratitude for family and friends whose support makes a difference at this painful time. Know that even when you don't know what to do, your love is holding us together.

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



Committal and Blessing *Fr Dave O'Connor*

Concluding Music - "I won't give up on us"

Those who live long endure sadness and tears
But you'll never suffer the sorrowing years
No betrayal, no anger, no hatred, no fears
Just love - Only love - In your lifetime

Song: I won't give up on us

As we said goodbye to Xavier, we first played "Beautiful Beautiful Boy". The next songs were on shuffle and we believe chosen by Xavier. The last song played as we held him was "I won't give up on us" by Jason Mraz. We believe that this was Xavier telling us that he would never leave us and that we will remain strong as a family. We also played Jason Mraz when Xavier was born so this was very special.

When I look into your eyes, It's like watching the night sky

Or a beautiful sunrise, There's so much they hold

And just like them old stars, I see that you've come so far

To be right where you are, How old is your soul?

I won't give up on us

Even if the skies get rough

I'm giving you all my love

I'm still looking up ...

.... 'Cause even the stars they burn

Some even fall to the earth

We've got a lot to learn

God knows we're worth it

No, I won't give up

I don't wanna be someone who walks away so easily

I'm here to stay and make the difference that I can make

Our differences they do a lot to teach us how to use

The tools and gifts we got yeah, we got a lot at stake

The deeper that
sorrow carves into your
being the more joy you
can contain. Is not the
cup that holds your
wine the very cup that
was burned in the
potters oven?
Kahlil Gibran



*For us to work we didn't break, we didn't burn
We had to learn how to bend without the world caving in
I had to learn what I've got, and what I'm not
And who I am*

*I won't give up on us
Even if the skies get rough
I'm giving you all my love
I'm still looking up
Still looking up.*

*I won't give up on us (no I'm not giving up)
God knows I'm tough enough (I am tough, I am loved)
We've got a lot to learn (we're alive, we are loved)
God knows we're worth it (and we're worth it)*

***I won't give up on us
Even if the skies get rough
I'm giving you all my love
I'm still looking up***

Jason Mraz





Do not judge a biography by it's length,
Nor by the number of pages in it.
Judge it by the richness of it's contents

Sometimes those unfinished are among the most poignant...

Do not judge a song by it's duration
Nor by the number of it's notes
Judge it by the way it touches and lifts the soul

Sometimes those unfinished are among the most beautiful...

And when something has enriched your life
And when it's melody lingers on in your heart
Is it unfinished?
Or is it endless?

Thank you

Thank you for being here and supporting us during this tragic time. This will be the hardest thing we ever go through, but having your love and support does make it easier. Even when you haven't known the words, or what to do, your love has carried us through.

Today is about celebrating Xavier's short but wonderful life. He touched many people in the time he was with us. Whilst today is a very sad day, we would like Xavier's legacy to be more than sadness. Please remember him with a smile and a kiss whenever you see the brightest star in the sky.



Much Love,

Nathan, Robyna, Isaac and angel Xavier

What is
Part of us
For however long
Is us
And will
Forever be.
Unknown



SIDs & Kids

Thank you to all that have contributed to SIDs and Kids in Xavier's memory.

If you would like to donate as a way to remember Xavier, please go to <http://www.everydayhero.com.au/XavierMay>

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support given to this cause. Thank you for honoring Xavier in this special and real way.



Special thanks regarding today's service

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Beautiful, beautiful boy

Close your eyes, have no fear
The monster's gone,
he's on the run
and your daddy's here

Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful
Beautiful boy
Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful
Beautiful boy

... Before you go to sleep
Say a little prayer

Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful
Beautiful boy
Darling, darling, darling
Darling Xavier

