

A Celebration of the Life of Raymond Madriaga

Saturday, September 12, 2026 @ 11:30 am

Prelude

Scripture Sentences

Hear the promises of God revealed in Scripture:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

(Psalm 46: 1)

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

(John 11:25-26)

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? *(John 14:1-2)*

Greeting

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

All: And also, with you

Words of Welcome

Dear friends. We gather under the shelter of God's healing love. Offering praise and thanks for the life of Raymond. Coming together in grief, acknowledging our loss. Comforting each other with God's words of assurance, in death and resurrection of life by faith in Christ. In that belief, we trust in belonging to Christ in life, in death and life beyond death.

Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

VU# 382

Prayer

Abiding God, we rest under Your protective shelter. A safe place when we face difficulties. In the wideness of Your love, we wait on You. We trust in the safety of Your wings like the eagle's.

To raise us up, bear us in the light of dawn, make us shine like the sun and hold us in the palm of Your hand. We rejoice in the privilege of knowing Raymond. Experiencing faith in Christ together. Knowing his eternal peace has come to be with his Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. How precious are the lives of Your saints, who from their labour rest. Equip us to continue in faith and be ever blessed. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession

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Words of Assurance

Friends, we do not sorrow without hope. We believe in an assurance of eternal life through Jesus' death and resurrection. In that faith, we continue by works of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, Counsellor and inspiration to live in healing grace and community with one another. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Words of Remembrance

1. Video tribute
2. Shemagrace Madriaga

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-6 (KJV)

Romans 6: 3-5 (KJV)

Reflection

Keith Mayers LLWL

Solo by Don Pelvin: Never Alone

E. C. Heidelberg

Prayers of Comfort and Concern

Keith Mayers LLWL

Loving God, we give thanks for Raymond's life. His journey of faith in Christ, dedication to family, commitment to the church and strength through trials and seasons. We bless those who have come to celebrate his life, remembering those gathered here, those abroad and those offering support and comfort. Thanks for his example; pain has ended, death is past and now in your presence.

All: Thanks be to You, O God

Gracious God, we offer Raymond's family Shemagrace, Rehoboam Saul and She Raym, friends, colleagues, and members of his church. Comfort them in their grief. Extend hands of care and support. Heal them by Your Spirit. We entrust all sorrow and mourning to You, God of all comfort, who promised to be with us always.

All: Thanks be to You, O God

Remember those who are ailing. Families facing difficult decisions for care. Those planning life transitions. Those who work in the medical field caring for the perishing and dying. Those supporting loved ones in mourning. We remember the saints who have died as we continue to labour in the good news of Jesus' gospel. We trust in the eternal rest in Christ and the hope of resurrection unto God's glorious return.

All: Thanks be to You, O God

Bless us now, dear God. To be meek and inherit Your promises eternal. To surrender our spirit, so we will see You. To hunger and desire Your righteousness and be filled. Make Your face to shine and be gracious to us. To praise You, O God, and all the people gathered praise You!

All: Thanks be to You, O God

The Lord's Prayer (said)

VU# 960

Hymn: In the Garden

Charles Austin Miles

Tribute of thanks

Rehoboam Saul Madriaga

Commendation

Rev. Rosalino M. Castro

Benediction

Rev. Rosalino M. Castro

Recessional

**Reception will be held upstairs in the Reception Room
following the Celebration of Life Service.**

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Raymond Madriaga

October 11, 1982– September 6, 2026



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