

*To Celebrate the Life of*



*Alan Arthur Smith*

*8th July 1936 - 1st October 2020*



*Tuesday 13th October 2020*

*at 11.00 am*

*Wilford Hill Crematorium*



# *Order of Service*

## *Music on Entry*

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## *Welcome and Introduction*

### *Unconditional Love*

God, we are gathered here today as friends and family of our loved one who departed from this world recently and came into your presence.

Lord, it is not easy for us to stand here and eulogise our beloved, but we know that Alan is now together with you in heaven.

As we honour our Alan, let the unconditional love that you showered upon him during his life fill this service.

Help us to learn how to love others unconditionally, like Alan did when he was with us on earth.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### *Music*

In Christ Alone

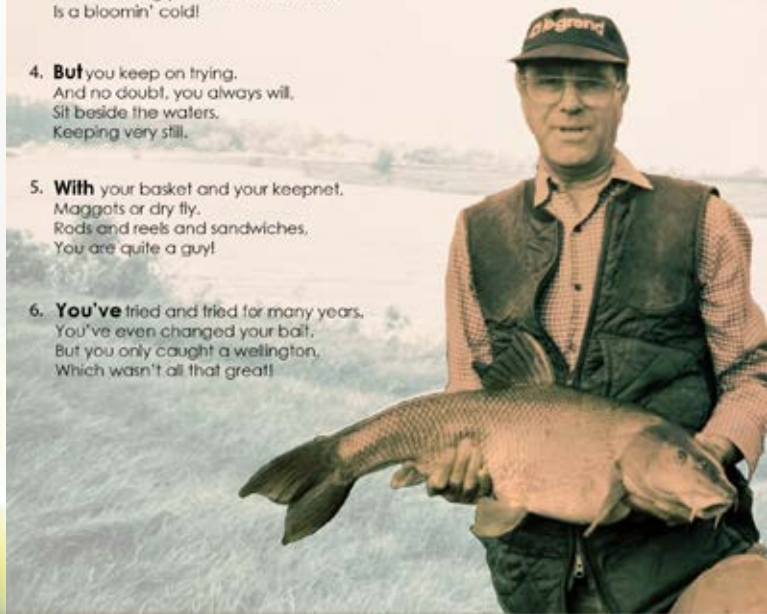
sung by Keith and Kristyn Getty

# An Ode to Alan

read by Stephen

## Ode to Alan "The Fisherman"

1. **It** happens every weekend,  
In fact, you go when you can.  
To the river or canal.  
You are a fisherman.
2. **You** look the "Complete Angler",  
In your waterproof attire,  
To catch yourself a whopper,  
Is your great desire.
3. **You'll** go out in any weather,  
So it really should be told,  
That the thing you catch most often,  
Is a bloomin' cold!
4. **But** you keep on trying,  
And no doubt, you always will,  
Sit beside the waters,  
Keeping very still.
5. **With** your basket and your keepnet,  
Maggots or dry fly,  
Rods and reels and sandwiches,  
You are quite a guy!
6. **You've** tried and tried for many years,  
You've even changed your bait,  
But you only caught a wellington,  
Which wasn't all that great!
7. **Waiting** very patiently,  
For a fish to bite.  
Latch itself, upon your hook,  
What a great delight.
8. **Then** you can proudly land it,  
Since you have the knack,  
Save it in your keepnet,  
Then throw the damn thing back!!



# *Poem*

He Is Gone  
read by Mark

You can shed tears that Alan is gone,  
Or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he's gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,  
Be empty and turn your back.

Or you can do what Alan would want,  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

*David Harkins (b.1958)*



## *Eulogy*

### *Music for Reflection*

To Where You Are

by Josh Grobin

## *Committal and Farewell*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

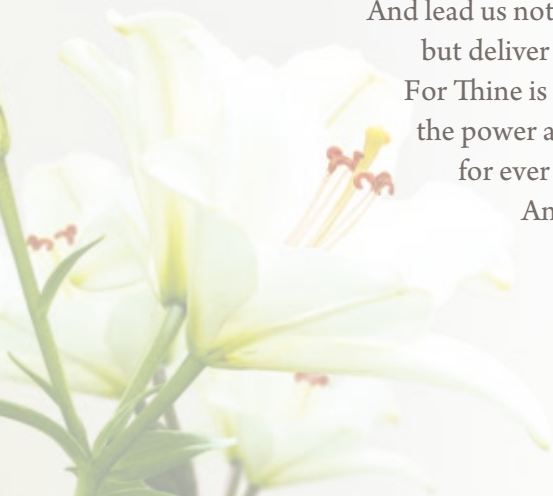
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.





## *Closing Words*

Dear Lord,

We lift him to you today, in honour of the good we saw in him and the love we felt from him. Please give us the strength to leave him in your care, in the knowledge of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Amen

## *Music on Leaving*

Time To Say Goodbye

by Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman





The family would like to send their sincere thanks to everyone for their kind words, love, care and support at this sad time and during Alan's long illness.

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