

To Celebrate the Life of



JOAN NICKLIN

17th June 1946 - 19th April 2024

Markeaton Crematorium
Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 11.00 am

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING MUSIC

Over The Rainbow

Eva Cassidy

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

THE LITTLE THINGS

We gather to remember the little things that made
A special place in our heart.

To remember those happy times when we laughed
And those times when our hearts broke as one.

For who could put a price on memory?

We gather to share the pain,

To share memories and stories; to forgive and not to blame.

To laugh and to cry and not try to hide our tears.

For who can ever take away the pain?

We gather to share the precious gift of grief.

To stand beside you with love and support,

And not be uncomfortable with your tears.

To allow you the gift of mourning our loss and not lose patience.

We gather with gratitude for experiences we have enjoyed.

Grief is God's way of healing a broken heart.

Draw near to Him in faith and receive comfort, peace

And the wonderful hope of eternity in your heart.



GOSPEL READING

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6 and 27

Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions. If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me ...

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.”



PRAYERFUL READING

Ephesians, Chapter 3 verses 14 -21

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge— that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953)

TRIBUTE TO JOAN

by daughter, Angela

TO ALL MY FRIENDS

Be glad for me, now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard him call,
Though it meant I had to leave you all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh 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 savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

I'm now at peace, so shed no tears,
Look back upon those golden years.
The pain is gone, He set me free.
Be strong, be happy and remember me.

HYMN

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

Sydney Bertram Carter (1915-2004)



LOVE IS

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, verses 4-13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails...For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love!



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.

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION



READING

Revelation, Chapter 21: verses 3-5

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people,
and he will dwell with them. They will be his people,
and God himself will be with them and be their God.

‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away.

He who was seated on the throne said,
“I am making everything new!” Then he said,
“Write this down, for these words
are trustworthy and true.”

COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

THE BOND OF LOVE

Your love is always with me, especially today.
Because we shared a closeness, even death can't take away!
Sometimes when I'm wishing, that you'd send a little sign,
A butterfly, or rainbow, lets me know you're doing fine.
When a pure white feather, drifts down softly from the sky,
I know you're trying to say that; you don't want me to cry.
For there must be a reason, why Angels took you home?
And you have found a way, to let me know; I'm not alone.
For there's a special golden thread, from here to Heaven above,
That keeps me ever close to you ...
It's called "The Bond of Love!"

PRAYER AND BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and for evermore.
Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

Dancing Queen
ABBA



Roy, Angela, Paul and family are very grateful for your kindness, cards and words of support, which have been a great comfort at this sad time.

You are welcome to take a flower from the wreath as you leave the chapel.

You are all very warmly invited for refreshments at
Mickleover Golf Club, Uttoxeter Road, Derby DE3 9AD

Donations made in loving memory of Joan will support
Treetops Hospice

*“May the Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
(Numbers, Chapter 6: verses 24-26)*

Service conducted by Reverend James Lindsay



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