

*To Celebrate the Life
of*



John Michael Wharton

28th July 1941 - 20th May 2024

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Mansfield

Friday 14th June 2024
at 1.00 pm





Order of Service

Led by Reverend Caroline Phillips



Processional Music

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

Welcome and Opening Prayer



Hymn

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826-1893)



Eulogy
Memories of Michael

Bible Reading
Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-15
read by Robin Wilson



Address

Prayers and 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.



Hymn

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)



Poem

If I should die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others, sore,
Who keep long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.
For my sake turn again to life and smile,

Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do,
Something to comfort other hearts than thine.
Complete these unfinished tasks of mine,
And I perchance may therein comfort you.



Prayer of Commendation

Blessing

Recessional Music

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar



A private family committal service will now follow.

All are welcome for refreshments and to continue
to share memories of Michael at the
Oakham Suite, Nottingham Road, Mansfield NG18 4AE,
where the family will join you again shortly.







The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers,
kind words, and cards at this sad time.

Donations in memory of Michael for
Blood Cancer UK
and
Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes
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