

A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF  
**GEORGE LANGHAM MILLER**

23rd May 1925 - 20th April 2023



Trent Valley Crematorium  
Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 2.30 pm





# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ENTRANCE MUSIC

Nimrod (Elgar's Enigma Variations Op36)  
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

## SENTENCES OF CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Anyone who believes in me will live,  
even after dying. Everyone who lives  
in me and believes in me will never ever die.'

*John, Chapter 11: verses 25-26*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his compassion never fails:  
every morning they are renewed.

*Lamentations, Chapter 3: verses 22-23*

God blesses those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

*Matthew, Chapter 5: verse 4*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

*John, Chapter 3: verse 16*

## THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*The Reverend Paul Pritchard*

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised from death for us all.

Grace and mercy be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

We are here this afternoon to do  
three important things for George.

We come to remember his life and to give thanks  
to God for all he meant to us.

We come to grieve his loss, because a funeral  
is a time for tears as well as for thanksgiving.

And finally, we come to commit him into God's care.

## PRAYERS

*Let us pray.*

As children of a loving heavenly Father,  
let us seek the forgiveness of God,  
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

Let us remember, O Lord, your compassion,  
and your loving kindness, for they  
have always been there for us.

Lord have mercy,  
**All: Lord have mercy.**

Remember not my failures nor my sins;  
but in your mercy remember me.

Christ have mercy.  
**All: Christ have mercy.**

O keep my life, and deliver me, put me not to shame,  
for I have put my trust in you.

Lord have mercy.  
**All: Lord have mercy.**

## GOD'S PARDON

May God our Father forgive us our sins and  
bring us to the eternal joy of His kingdom  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

with Guildford Cathedral Choir

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories  
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,  
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

*John Bunyan (1628-1688)*

## READING

from John's Gospel, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going."

"No, we don't know, Lord,"

Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

## A REFLECTION ON THE READING

*with family memories and tributes*

Music: The Lark Ascending

Vaughan Williams



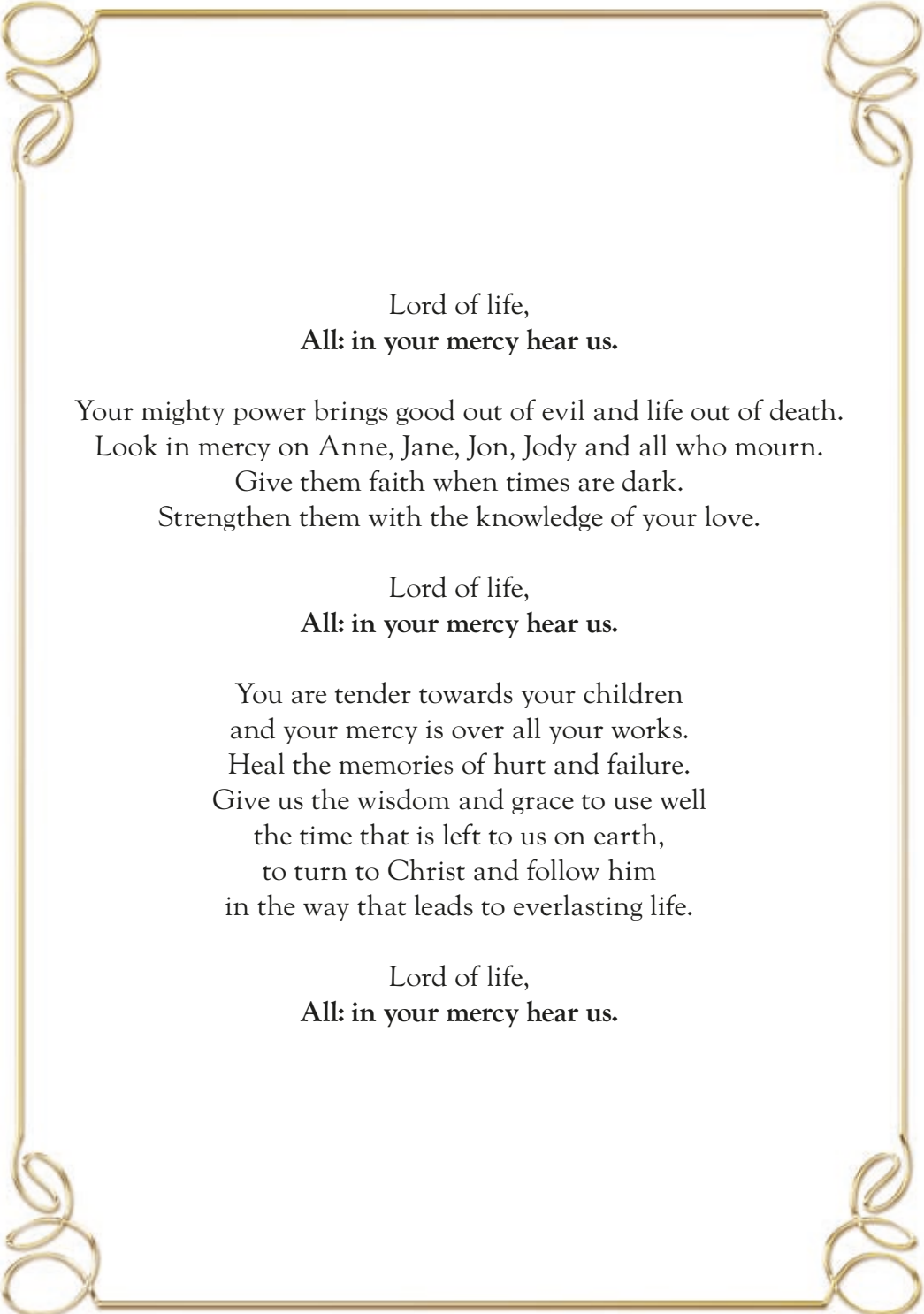
## THE PRAYERS

Merciful Father, Lord of life, you have made  
us in your image to reflect your truth and light:  
we give thanks for George.

For the grace and mercy  
he received from you, for all that was good in his life,  
for the happy memories we treasure today.

Lord of life,  
**All: in your mercy hear us.**

You promised eternal life to those who  
believe and trust in you. Lord please  
remember George, as we also remember  
him and give him back to you.  
Bring him and all who trust in Christ  
into your kingdom where sins have  
been forgiven and death is no more.



Lord of life,  
**All: in your mercy hear us.**

Your mighty power brings good out of evil and life out of death.  
Look in mercy on Anne, Jane, Jon, Jody and all who mourn.  
Give them faith when times are dark.  
Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord of life,  
**All: in your mercy hear us.**

You are tender towards your children  
and your mercy is over all your works.  
Heal the memories of hurt and failure.  
Give us the wisdom and grace to use well  
the time that is left to us on earth,  
to turn to Christ and follow him  
in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Lord of life,  
**All: in your mercy hear us.**



### A PRAYER SPECIAL TO GEORGE

O God, you are always aware of us in a time of need;  
teach us to live together in love and joy and peace,  
to resist any form of bitterness,  
to persevere in the face of discouragement,  
to be thankful for the blessings we receive from you  
and to leap with joy to any task for others.  
May your goodness flow through all that we do  
and work for the extension of your kingdom  
in the hearts and minds of all people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

**All: 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.**

God our Father,  
we thank you that you have made each of us  
in your own image and given us gifts and talents  
with which to serve you and others.  
We thank you for George, for the years he served  
you and us and the times of enjoyment he  
had with his family and friends. The good in him  
and the love he showed. Now give us strength and  
courage to leave him in your care, confident in  
your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## HYMN

Goin' Home  
with Dunvant Male Choir

Goin' home. Goin' home. I'm a-goin' home.  
Quiet-like some still day, I'm just goin' home.  
It's not far, just close by, through an open door.  
Work all done, cares laid by, goin' to roam no more;  
Mother's there expecting me, father's waiting, too,  
Lots of folks gathered there, all the friends I knew.  
All the friends I knew.

*I'm going home.  
Nothing's lost, all's gain,  
No more fret nor pain.  
No more stumbling on the way,  
No more longing for the day,  
Going to roam no more.*

Morning star lights the way, restless dream all done.  
Shadows gone, break of day, real life just begun.  
There's no break, there's no end, just a-living on;  
Wide awake, with a smile, going on and on.  
Going home. Going home, I'm just going home.  
It's not far, just close by, through an open door.

## THE COMMENDATION AND COMMITTAL

Let us commend George to the mercy of God our  
Maker and his Redeemer - Into your hands,  
O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant, George.  
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Enfold him in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed  
rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious  
company of the saints in light.

**Amen.**

We have entrusted George to God's mercy, and now  
we commit his body to be cremated: in the sure and  
certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried and rose again for us.  
To him be glory now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

May the Lord bring you His peace,  
May He comfort you by His Spirit,  
May He hear you when you call to Him,  
and hold you close to His tender heart of compassion.  
May He help you in every way through these difficult days and  
may you know that George is safe in God's eternal care.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

### EXIT MUSIC

I Vow To Thee, My Country  
(King's College Choir – Stephen Cleobury)

The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind words, thoughts and prayers.

Following the service, the family would like to welcome you all to the 'Clock Warehouse' in Shardlow DE72 2GL for some refreshments and a chance to share further memories of George.

All donations in George's memory will be for **Brookfields Nursing Home, Burton Road, Derby.**

If you would like to donate, please use the envelope provided and place this in the box on exit. If you pay income tax and complete this in full, and if the charity are registered for Gift Aid, then the amount you donate will be increased by 25% at no cost to you.  
Pens are available on request.

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