

*To Celebrate the Life of*



**Alexander Cosgrove Skinner**  
**‘Jock’**

29th July 1940 - 4th December 2023

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Trent Valley Crematorium

at 2.30 pm



# Order of Service



## **Opening Music**

True Love Ways

by Buddy Holly

## **Welcome and Introduction**



## Hymn

Morning has broken, like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

*Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*



## **Eulogy**

words written by the family and read by Karen Gratton

### **Poem**

The Bird That Was Trapped Has Flown

by James Robertson

requested by Mark

The bird that was trapped has flown  
The sky that was grey is blue  
The bone that was dead has grown  
The dream that was dreamed is true  
The locked door has been swung wide  
The prisoner has been set free  
The lips that were sealed have cried  
The eye that was blind can see  
The tree that was bare is green  
The room that was dull is bright  
The sheet that was soiled is clean  
The dawn that was dark is light  
The road that was blocked has no end  
The unknown journey is known  
The heart that is hurt will mend  
The bird that was trapped has flown



## **Reflection Music**

Smile

by Nat King Cole

*with Visual Tribute*

## **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.



## **Commendation and Committal**

### **Closing Words**

### **Concluding Music**

Road To The Isles  
by Andy Stewart  
requested by Claire





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

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