

Alison, David, Simon and their families thank you for your presence here today, for the kind messages, cards and thoughts at this difficult time.

Please join the family, after the service, for light refreshment at Long Bennington Village Hall, Main Road NG23 5DJ.

Alan's ashes will be laid to rest with Bridget in the churchyard.

There will be a retiring collection in Alan's memory for

Marie Curie

and for

ABF - The Soldiers' Charity

(formerly the Army Benevolent Fund)

This can be done via the QR code or the donation box.



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A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of



Alan Ripley

1937 - 2023

The Parish Church of St Swithun, Long Bennington

Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 1.30 pm

## **CONCLUSION AND BLESSING**

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

# **EXIT MUSIC**

All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Old 100th) sung by the choir of Westminster Abbey

## **HYMN**

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting.

Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory...

## THE GATHERING

## **ENTRANCE MUSIC**

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem* by John Rutter sung by the choir of King's College, Cambridge

**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.

## **PRAYERS**

concluding with

## 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**



**TRIBUTE**by Professor John Weatherall

**READING** by Ben Dalton



**SCRIPTURE READING**Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-8

**EULOGY** by Tim Richmond

## **HYMN**

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

# **HOMILY**

by Douglas Kerr

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