



A Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Life of

Esme Susan Bannister

26th November 1917 – 13th May 2020

Poole Crematorium

Tuesday 26th May 2020

Service conducted by
The Reverend Andy Muckle



Order of Service

Opening Music

‘The Blue Danube Waltz’
by the Vienna State Opera Chorus,
the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and Willi Boskovsky

The Opening Sentences

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Memories of Our GG

by Anouska and Delilah Longsmith

Tribute to Esme

The Collect

Poem

‘You Have Passed Beyond Our Sight’

read by Derek Longsmith

You have passed beyond our sight
Along the unseen way,
On the homeward journey
That we all must take someday.
In heart and home you leave a gap
That no-one else can fill,
You have gone and yet it seems
That you are with us still.
You’re only just a step ahead
Around the hidden bend,
On the road that leads us homeward
To our journey’s end.
Though the sorrows of bereavement
Linger in the mind,
Happy are the memories
You have left behind.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reflection

The Prayers ending 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.

Time for Reflection

Prayer of Commendation and Farewell

The Committal

The Blessing

Closing Music

'Swan Lake Waltz'
by the Munich Symphony Orchestra and Henry Adolph



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