

A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF



PAMELA DOROTHY  
MEACHAM

29th April 1948 - 18th August 2020

All Saints Church, Micklever  
Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 10.30 am

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## ENTRANCE MUSIC

'Nimrod' from *Enigma Variations* by Edward Elgar

## THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We meet in the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of God, the Father. Grace and mercy be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

We have come here today to remember before God our dear sister Pam, to give thanks for her life; to commend her to God her merciful redeemer and judge; and to comfort one another in our grief; in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I welcome you into this house of prayer, that here today you may know the peace of Christ in communion with all God's faithful servants.

## THE SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

*The Reverend Canon Peter Walley says:*

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' *John, Chapter 11: verses 25,26*

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: blessed be the name of the Lord. *1 Timothy, Chapter 6: verse 7; Job, Chapter 1: verse 21*

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy, Chapter 33: verse 27*

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

*Lamentations, Chapter 3: verses 22-23*

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*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

*Matthew, Chapter 5: verse 4*

## MUSIC TO LISTEN TO

### **Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer,  
be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

*English translation by Peter Williams*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

As children of a loving heavenly Father,  
let us seek the forgiveness of God,  
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.  
Call to remembrance, O Lord, your compassion,  
and your loving kindness, for they have been from of old.  
Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

Remember not my sins nor my transgressions;  
but according to your mercy think on 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.**

## ABSOLUTION

May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom  
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my  
Father's house; if it were not true, I should have told you. I am  
going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and  
prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that  
where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place  
where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how  
can we know the way?'

Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No-one can  
come to the Father except through me.'

## POEM

My Grandma

## THE TRIBUTES

*The Minister, Allan Hough*

## THE PRAYERS

Merciful Father, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give thanks for Pam for the grace and mercy, she received from you, for all that was good in her life, for the memories we treasure today.  
Lord of life.

**All: In your mercy hear us.**

You promised eternal life to those who believe.  
Remember for good, Lord, your servant Pam,  
as we also remember her and give her back to you.  
Bring her and all who rest in Christ into the fullness of 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 Robert, Andrew, David, Beryl, Ruth, Simon, the rest of the family, friends and all who mourn. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. 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 aright  
the time that is left to us on earth,  
to turn to Christ and follow in his steps  
in the way that leads to everlasting life.  
Lord of life.

**All: In your mercy hear us.**

*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.**

## **MUSIC TO LISTEN TO**

### **Jerusalem**

And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hill?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
in England's green and pleasant land.

*Words by William Blake to music by Hubert Parry*

## THE COMMENDATION

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

## THE BLESSING

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

Supermarket Flowers by Ed Sheeran

*The family will now depart for Markeaton Crematorium for a private committal.*



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

Memorial donations for  
**Myositis UK**  
may be left online at  
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# THE COMMITTAL AT MARKEATON CREMATORIUM

## ENTRANCE MUSIC

Adagio For Strings

## INTRODUCTION

*The Reverend Canon Peter Walley*

Having remembered our dear sister Pam and commended her to God her merciful redeemer and judge; we have come now to commit her body to be cremated in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## A FAREWELL PRAYER

**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. We thank you for Pam, the years we shared with her, the good we saw in her, the love we received from her. Now give us strength and courage to leave her in your care, confident in your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

And so we commit her body to be cremated: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, 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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

Waterloo Sunset by The Kinks

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