

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



ROBERT BRUCE EMMETT RICE

3rd November 1930 ~ 16th May 2020

Thursday 28th May 2020 at 4.00 pm  
Wilford Hill Crematorium

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## MUSIC TO ENTER

Here I Am, Lord

## WELCOME

Canon Malachy

## EULOGY

Harvey Goodman

## FIRST READING

from the letter of St Paul to the Romans, Chapter 6: verses 3-4 and 8-9

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again.

Death has no power over him any more.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM

read by Rebecca Bradley

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
that whoever believes in the Son  
shall have eternal life,  
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to 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 there were not, 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## HOMILY

Canon Malachy, Cathedral Dean

SOLO  
Somewhere Over The Rainbow  
by Lucy Rice

BIDDING PRAYERS

Celebrant: God the Almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead: with confidence we ask him to save all his people living and dead.

Reader: For Robert who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord in your mercy...

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us: that they may have the rewards of their goodness. Lord in your mercy...

Reader: For the family and friends of our brother Robert, that they may be consoled in the faith that assures us that he has gone to be with God and that there will be no more sorrow, lament or death. Lord in your mercy...

Reader: For all who have come to be with us today: that we will all experience the closeness of Christ during this celebration and so grow in faith and in peace. Lord in your mercy...

Reader: We pause now and pray in the silence of our hearts. Lord in your mercy.

Reader: We seek the support of our Blessed Lady and so we pray together: Hail Mary...

Celebrant: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother Robert. Cleanse him and all the faithful departed of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POEM

Togetherness  
read by Shayne Rice

Death is nothing at all.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
I am me and you are you.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.  
Call me by my old familiar name,  
speak to me in the easy way which you always did.  
Put no difference in your tone.  
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without effort, for life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near, just around the corner.  
All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and all will be as it was before, only better,  
infinitely happier, and for ever we will be one together with Christ.

## HYMN

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness:  
Shine on me:

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story:  
Shine on me:

*Graham Kendrick (b.1950)*

## FINAL COMMENDATION AND COMMITTAL

## CONCLUDING PRAYER AND RITES

## FAMILY MOMENT

## DEPARTING MUSIC

The Prayer  
by Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion

Cheryl, Shayne and Becky would like to thank everyone  
for the love, prayers and support they have received  
over the last few weeks.

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