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A Celebration of the Life of



Sheila Howard

née McShane

6th July 1929 - 17th October 2017

Friday 3rd November 2017 at 1.45pm St. Peter's Church, Ruddington







Music

Pavane, Op. 50. Gabriel Fauré

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Crematorium - order of committal

Music

Baïlèro, Chants d'Auvergne Canteloube - Frederica von Stade

Prayer

Reading

She Is Gone - David Harkins

Committal

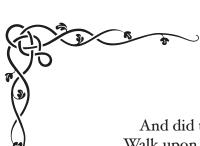
Blessing

Music

Solace Scott Joplin - Joshua Rifkin







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 hills?
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.

William Blake, Charles Parry

Commendation

Music

St Matthew Passion, Part III - Wir setzen uns mit Tränen nieder.

JS Bach

A committal will follow at Wilford Hill Crematorium

Those who wish to join the family are welcome to do so, or alternatively make your way to: The Country Cottage Hotel, Suttons Courtyard, Easthorpe Street, Ruddington, NG11 6LA where you are welcome to join the family to celebrate Sheila's life.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier

Tributes

Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

Address





Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came with me and the dance went on.

Dance then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance, and I still go on.

Dance then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me - I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Sydney Carter

Prayers

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.