



A Celebration of the Life of

# Elsie Nicholls

22nd May 1927 ~ 10th January 2020

Funeral Service  
Friday 31st January 2020  
Exeter & Devon Crematorium  
3.00pm  
St Paul's Chapel

Service taken by John White

## **Entrance Music**

*'We'll gather lilacs'* by Frank Sinatra

## **Introduction**

John White

## **Hymn**

Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them, springing  
Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew-fall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day.

## **Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Eulogy**

Sarah

## **Eulogy**

John

### **I am the Gentle Autumn's Rain**

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glint on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you wake in the morning hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
I am not there, I did not die!

## **Reading**

St. John Ch.14. v 1-6

## **Committal**

## **Prayers**

## **Hymn**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

And, when this heart and flesh shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the vale  
A life of joy and peace.

## **Recessional Music**

*'Simply the best'* by Tina Turner



*Geoff and family wish to thank you for attending the service today,  
for your prayers, messages of sympathy and kind donations.*

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the service for light refreshments at  
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