

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CHRISTOPHER THOMAS KENT

10th December 1944 - 18th August 2023

Thursday 28th September 2023 at 2.30 pm  
St Peter's Church, Nottingham

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

### HYMN

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The son, and him who reigns,  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)*

## OPENING PRAYER

### PSALM 121

*sung by the choir to a chant*

*by Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

## READING

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6,27

*read by Trevor Davys*

*Jesus tells the disciples that he will prepare a place for them in heaven*

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you will then know the way to the place where I am going.' The disciple Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid'.

## HOMILY

The Reverend Christopher Harrison

## REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL DAYS

Ms Sam Ellis, Fundraising and Alumni Relations Manager  
at Nottingham High School

## HYMN

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven.  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow,  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;  
Be thou still my strength and shield;  
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, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-1791)*

TRIBUTE  
Andrew Davys

ANTHEM  
*sung by the choir to music by SS Wesley (1810-1876)*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the  
day.

The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

PRAYERS  
*concluding with*  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
*said by all*

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that 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.

## READING

Death Be Not Proud

John Donne (1572-1631)

*read by Phil Lovett (Dame Agnes Mellors Lodge)*

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,  
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.  
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally  
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

## COMMENDATION

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*sung by the choir to the setting in F major by George Dyson (1883-1964)*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy  
word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people  
Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without  
end. Amen.



## HYMN

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Following the hymn, the choir and congregation move to the churchyard for the burial of the ashes*

## IN THE CHURCHYARD

*The choir sings from the Burial Sentences,  
set to music by William Croft (1678 -1727)*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand  
at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though after my skin worms destroy this body,  
yet in my flesh shall I see God:  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world,  
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.  
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;  
blessed be the Name of the Lord.

## INTERMENT OF ASHES

## BLESSING

After the service all are invited to light refreshments in the  
St Peter's Coffee Room, adjacent to the church.



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