

Order of service for the Funeral of

Sylvia Ransome

18th December 1925 – 18th December 2020



St Faiths Crematorium

Wednesday, 13th January 2021

Service conducted by Canon Simon Stokes

ORDER OF SERVICE

Music: **Pachelbel: Canon in D**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn: **All things bright and beautiful**

Cecil Frances Alexander

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful . . .

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;
All things bright and beautiful . . .

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;
All things bright and beautiful . . .

Poem: **To those I love and to those who love me**

Mary Alice Ramish: read by Peter Ransome, Sylvia's Son

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So, grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I'll not be far away, for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.

And when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

Bible Reading: **1 Corinthians 13**

Celebration of Life

Peter Ransome

Hymn: **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

John Greenleaf Whittier

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe 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,
O still small voice of calm!

Prayers of thanksgiving

for Sylvia's life and of hope for those who mourn

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.

Hymn: Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon Music Arr: Noël Tredinnick

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 recreation of the new day

Prayer of Commendation & Committal

Music: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

The family thanks you for your support today.

They invite you to a small graveside ceremony in Old Catton cemetery
at a later date, to inter Sylvia's ashes with her husband:
to be performed when the current restrictions are behind us and we have returned to normal life.

Donations in memory of Sylvia will go to Cancer Research UK
through the Funeral Directors,

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