Thanksgiving Service for the Life of

Susan Elisabeth Baker

21st August 1963 ~ 15th June 2018



The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy, Chapter 33: verse 27

Christ Church, Chilwell Friday 6th July 2018 at 11.45 am

Order of Service

Conducted by Reverend Frank Robinson

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

(This hymn was sung here at Christ Church at Mark and Sue's wedding in 1987)

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

READING

Romans, Chapter 8: verses 18, 28 and 35-39 read by Dawn Pringle

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to His purpose. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship, or famine or persecution, or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TRIBUTE

Sarah Meredith/ Rob Meredith

SONG

This I Believe ~ The Creed (This song sums up Sue's faith and was often played during car journeys with Sam)

Our Father everlasting,
The all-creating One.
God Almighty,
Through Your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the Son:
Jesus, our Saviour.

I believe in God, our Father;
I believe in Christ the Son;
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again.

For I believe in the name of Jesus,
Our Judge and our Defender.
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You;
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high.

I believe in God our Father;
I believe in Christ the Son;
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again.

For I believe in the name of Jesus;
I believe in You;
I believe You rose again;
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal;
I believe in the virgin birth;
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.

I believe in the resurrection When Jesus comes again, For I believe in the name of Jesus.

TRIBUTE

Mark Baker (Wingman: Geoff Selley, Best Man)

POEM

Your Beautiful Life Mark Baker

I find you standing on the lawn
Amongst leaves and neighbours from early dawn.
Stories of joy and laughter spawn;
Smiles like daffodils adorn.
Your beautiful life;
My wonderful wife.

I find you sitting with the boys
On sunny days with books and toys.
Filling little lives with joys,
Jumping, hugging and making noise.
Your beautiful life;
My wonderful wife.

I find you laughing with the girls;
By phone, the fairy tales whirl.
To and fro the kindness twirls,
Like Spanish dancers swirling curls.
Your beautiful life;
My wonderful wife.

I find you stirring chocolate cake,
All celebrations see you bake.
Delightful treats that leave an ache
For one more slice of what you make.
Your beautiful life;
My wonderful wife.

I find you writing to a friend,
Or loved-one far away to lend
A word of comfort, a word to mend
The heart whose hope has reached its end.
Your beautiful life;
My wonderful wife.

I find you silent, still, in prayer;
A mother, daughter, wife you share.
Your hopes and fears, your when and where,
Like camellia blossom blown on the air.
Your beautiful life;
My wonderful wife.

READING

1 Peter, Chapter 1: verses 3-9 read by Ruth Baker

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

TRIBUTE

Joel and Sam Baker

ADDRESS

Frank Robinson

PRAYERS

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come;
Your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are Yours.
Now and forever.
Amen.

SONG

What A Beautiful Name It Is (Mark and Sue loved this song and sang it together looking over the hills in Dovedale during her illness)

> You were the Word at the beginning, One With God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater; What could separate us now? What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal; Now and forever, our God reigns. Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name, above all names.

What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is,
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER

Frank Robinson

Mark, Joel, Sam and Ruth would like to thank you for coming and for all your support. You are warmly invited to join them for refreshments and buffet at Beeston Fields Golf Club, Old Drive, Wollaton Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 3DA.

If you so wish, donations in Sue's memory, can be made to her favourite charity,

Compassion UK,

to help release children from poverty.

There is a box at the back of church for cash or cheques or visit www.compassionuk.org.

Many thanks to Reverend Frank Robinson for leading the service, and Colin Webster, Mike Giddins and Gill Kirkwood for leading the worship.

Thanks to Penny Rooks for organising the beautiful flowers.



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

John, Chapter 14: verse 27



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