

A Celebration for the Life of
Donald Robinson

21st December 1925 ~ 11th September 2022



Tuesday 4th October 2022
at 1.30 pm
All Saints' Church, Mickleover



ENTRANCE MUSIC
Jerusalem

THE SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE
The Reverend Canon Peter Walley says

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'

John, Chapter 11: verses 25, 26

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

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

Deuteronomy 33:27

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

THE GATHERING

We meet in the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you all.

All: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION

We have come here today to remember before God our dear brother Donald, to give thanks for his life; to commend him to God his merciful redeemer and judge; and to comfort one another in our grief; in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore I welcome you into this house of prayer, that here today you may know the peace of Christ in communion with all God's faithful servants.



HYMN

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry F. Lyte 1834

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

As children of a loving heavenly Father,
let us seek the forgiveness of God,
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.
Call to remembrance, O Lord, your compassion,
and your loving kindness, for they have been from of old.
Lord have mercy,
All: Lord have mercy.

Remember not my sins nor my transgressions;
but according to your mercy think on me.
Christ have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

O keep my life, and deliver me,
put me not to shame, for I have put my trust in you.
Lord have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May God our Father forgive you your sins and bring you to
the eternal joy of his kingdom where dust and ashes have no
dominion. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if it were not true, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me.'

THE TALK

The Minister



HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy:

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words: Sebastian Temple

THE PRAYERS

Merciful Father, Lord of life,
you have made us in your image
to reflect your truth and light:
we give thanks for Donald
for the grace and mercy he received from you,
for all that was good in his life,
for the memories we treasure today,

Lord of life,

All: In your mercy hear us.

You promised eternal life to those who believe.
Remember for good, Lord your servant Donald
as we also remember him and give him back to you.

Bring him and all who rest in Christ
into the fullness of your kingdom
where sins have been forgiven
and death is no more.

Lord of life,

All: In your mercy hear us.

Your mighty power brings good out of evil and life out of
death. Look in mercy on Helen, Julia, the rest of the family
and all who mourn. Give them patient faith in times of
darkness.

Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord of life,

All: In your mercy hear us.

You are tender towards your children
and your mercy is over all your works.
Heal the memories of hurt and failure.
Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright
the time that is left to us on earth,
to turn to Christ and follow in his steps
in the way that leads to everlasting life.

Lord of life,

All: In your mercy hear us.



As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All: 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.**

A FAREWELL PRAYER

God our Father,

we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image
and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

We thank you for Donald, the years we shared with him,
the good we saw in him, the love we received from him.

Now give us strength and courage to leave him in your care,
confident in your promise of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



HYMN

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul...

Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

THE COMMENDATION

Let us commend Donald to the mercy of God our Maker and his Redeemer - into your hands O Merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Donald. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Enfold him in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

EXIT MUSIC

Dance With My Father
by Luther Vandross

The Committal at Markeaton Crematorium

ENTRANCE MUSIC

My Way
by Frank Sinatra

WELCOME

The Reverend Canon Peter Walley

Having remembered our dear brother Donald and commended him to God his merciful redeemer and judge; we have come now to commit his body to be cremated, and to comfort one another in our grief; in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A PERIOD OF QUIET REFLECTION

a time to give thanks in our hearts for Donald.

The Minister says

We have entrusted our brother Donald to God's mercy, and now we commit his body to be cremated: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried and rose again for us.
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

EXIT MUSIC

Moon River
by Andy Williams



The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support at this sad time.

All are welcome for light refreshment at Royal British Legion, 30 Poppyfields Drive, Mickleover DE3 9GB.

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