



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF
GERALD VALENTINE HASLAM

14th February 1933 - 14th October 2023



St Edmund's Church Allestree at 11.30am
Thursday 26th October 2023



ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE MUSIC

Little Things Mean A Lot
by Kitty Kallen

WELCOME IN THE CHURCH

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.
All: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

Minister: We have come here today to remember before God our brother Gerald; to give thanks for his life; to commend him to God our merciful redeemer and judge; and to comfort one another in our grief.

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on your children in their loss; give to troubled hearts the light of hope, and strengthen in us the gift of faith,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

HYMN

*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:

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well:

Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1895)

EULOGY

POEM

Fallen Limb

read by The Reverend John Rice

A limb has fallen from the family tree
I keep hearing a voice that says, 'grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song
The good life I lived, while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you
Keep smiling, and surely the sun will shine through
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remembering all, how truly I was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin
Until the day comes we're together again.

THE COLLECT

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

All: Amen.

READING

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-4

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up, the time for killing and the time for healing, the time for tearing down and the time for building. He sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy, the time for mourning and the time for dancing.

ADDRESS

by The Reverend John Rice

PRAYERS

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

Especially we thank you for his strength, courage and care as husband, father and friend. We remember with gratitude his generous and kind nature, his wit and mischievous fun.

Lord, in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death.
Look in mercy on his daughter Michele, Son and Daughter in law Jonathan and Joanne, Grandchildren Kayleigh, Christopher, Lara, Nicola, Lucy and Amelia and his 10 Great Grandchildren .

Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

**All: God of mercy,
entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

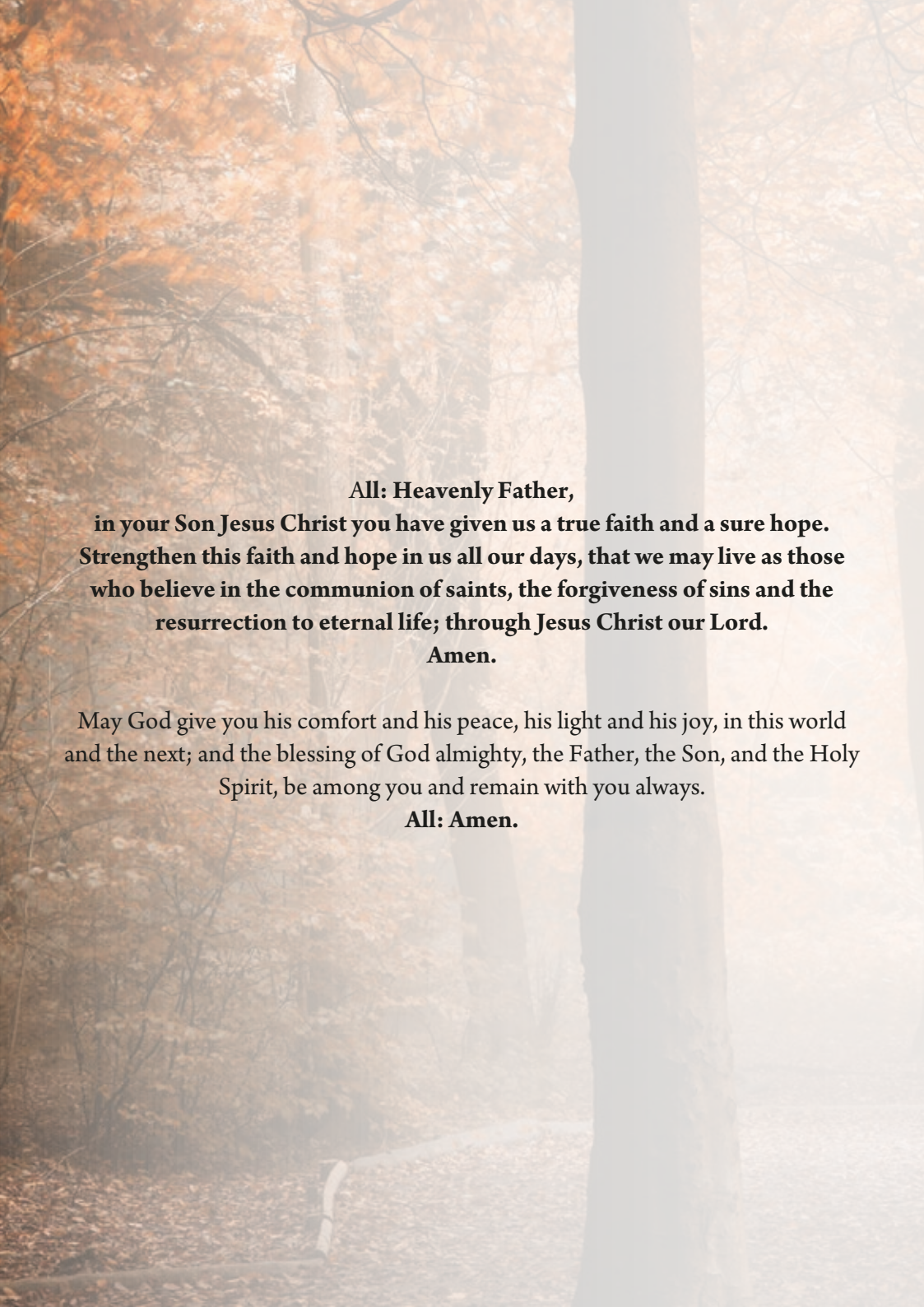
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father, which art in heaven, ‘
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
In earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION MUSIC

Over The Rainbow

by Israel Kamakawiwo‘ole





**All: Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those
who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the
resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world
and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

*Please remain standing while the family leave for the crematorium
as the Nunc Dimittis is said.*

**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 Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.**

EXIT MUSIC

When I Leave The World Behind
by Al Jolson

The service continues in the Crematorium



ENTRANCE MUSIC

How Do I Say Goodbye

by Dean Lewis

COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Please stand

Let us commend Gerald to the mercy of God
our maker and redeemer.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we entrust Gerald to your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God will show us the path of life;
in his presence is the fullness of joy:
and at his right hand
there is pleasure for evermore.

All: Amen.

THE COMMITTAL

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great goodness.

As a father is tender towards his children, so is the Lord tender to those that fear him. For he knows of what we are made; he remembers that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone and its place will know it no more. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever toward those that fear him and his righteousness upon their children's children.

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

All: Amen.

In the presence of God
We lay him down.

In the power of God
He shall rise.

In the presence of Christ
He is risen already.

**All: Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those
who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the
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Amen.**

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his light and his joy, in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

EXIT MUSIC
April Showers
by Al Jolson





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

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