



# A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING



Great St Mary's  
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7:00pm

# Order of Service

*Service led by Reverend Devin McLachlan*

*Director of Music Sam Hayes*

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In the presence of

Ms Lily Bacon DL

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Mayor of Cambridge, Cllr Russ McPherson

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We are so glad you are here with us this evening. We hope this can be a time of reflection, hope, and comfort to you and your family, as we remember all those whom we love but are no longer with us.

A few reminders about COVID-safe worship, which still apply even if you have been vaccinated:

- Face coverings (masks) must be worn at all times by all able to wear them, especially whilst singing.
- We ask that you help maintain physical distancing between households, to protect the vulnerable in our community.
- Please follow the instruction of the stewards, especially when leaving the Church.

*Opening Music*

## Welcome and Introduction

*We stand to sing, keeping our face coverings (masks) on*

## Opening Hymn

*'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'*

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

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.

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

*Tune: Repton - Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

## The Collect

*The president introduces a time of silent prayer, then prays*

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## The First Reading

*Wisdom 3,1-9*

*Please stand as we sing:*

### Hymn

*'Great is Thy Faithfulness'*

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 will 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.

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

*Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866 - 1960)*

*Tune: William M. Runyan*

## The Second Reading

*'Love and Grief'*

*Read by Sarah Baker, Civil Celebrant*

# The Address

*The Reverend Devin McLachlan*

## The Act of Remembrance

*As candles are lit from the Paschal Candle, the Easter symbol of resurrection lit at every memorial, the choir sings*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*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.*

Luke 2.29-32

*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.*

## Reflection and Silent Prayer

*You are invited to join us in a time of quiet reflection and silent prayer, as we remember those whom we love but are no longer with us.*

*At the end, the officiant concludes by praying:*

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love



You are welcome to join in saying the Lord's Prayer, In the language in which you are most comfortable

## 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.**

## Thank You

*A message from Seán Martin - Head of Operations, Peasgood & Skeates*

*Please stand as we sing:*

## Closing Hymn

*'The day thou gavest'*

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at Thy behest  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

*Continued...*

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826 - 1893)  
Tune: St Clement

## Notices and Closing Words

### The Blessing

*In response to the blessing, the choir then sings*

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace

John Rutter (1945 -  
Text: Numbers 6:24-26

### Organ Voluntary

The Angel's 'Farewell to the Soul', *from* The Dream of Gerontius  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Grief is a long process, it's never straightforward, and we can both celebrate those whom we have lost and to mourn their absence even in the confidence of our faith. Please talk to the clergy here today if they can assist you in any way.

Peasgood & Skeates support those who have been bereaved, recognising for many it is one of the most difficult experiences we ever have to face.

They provide ongoing support to those who require it via SAIF Care, offered via their membership of the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF). This service can be accessed Monday to Friday 9am - 9pm on 0800 917 7224 or via [www.saifcare.org.uk](http://www.saifcare.org.uk)

You are welcome to stay in the church for a short time, to pray in your pew or in the St Andrew's chapel, should you wish to do so.



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