

# Caleb Anthony

12th February 2023

Service held Monday 6th March 2023 at 10.30am

Service conducted by Diane Hutchinson

### Entrance music -

Iris, piano version by Henry Smith

#### Welcome & entrance

## What makes a mother-poem

I thought of you and closed my eyes, and prayed to God today,
I asked, "What makes a Mother?" and I know I heard him say,
A Mother has a baby, this we know is true,
But God, can you be a mother when your baby's not with you?
Yes, you can he replied, with confidence in his voice,
I give many women babies, when they leave it is not their choice.
Some I send for a lifetime, and others for the day,
And some I send to feel your womb, but there's no need to stay.

I just don't understand this God, I want my baby here,
He took a breath and cleared his throat, and then I saw a tear,
I wish I could show you, what your child is doing here.
If you could see your child smile, with other children and say,
"We go to earth to learn our lessons of love and life and fear,
but my mummy loved me so much, I got to come straight here!"
I feel so lucky to have a Mum who had so much love for me,
I learned my lessons very quickly, my Mummy set me free.

I miss my Mummy oh so much, but I visit her each day, When she goes to sleep, on her pillow is where I lay, I stroke her hair and kiss her cheek and whisper in her ear "Mummy, please don't be sad today, I'm your baby and I'm here"

So you see my dear sweet one, your baby is okay,
Your baby is here in my home, and this is where he'll stay.
He will wait for you with me, until your lessons there are through,
And on the day that you come home, he'll be at the gates waiting for you.

So now you see what makes a Mother, it's the feeling in your heart, It's the love you had so much of, right from the very start.

## Reflective music-How long will I love you by Ellie Goulding

## Tribute to Caleb

## I made it home - poem

Mummy, Daddy, I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.

Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new,
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me, try to understand,
god is taking care of me, I'm in the shelter of his hands.

Here there is no sadness, no sorrow and no pain,
here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again.

**Reflective Music -**Turning page by sleeping at last

## The little snowdrop-poem

The world may never notice if a Snowdrop doesn't bloom,
Or even pause to wonder if the petals fall too soon.
But every life that ever forms, or ever comes to be,
Touches the world in some small way, for all eternity.
The little one we longed for, was swiftly here and gone.
But the love that was then planted, Is a light that still shines on.
And though our arms are empty,, our hearts know what to do.
For every beating of our hearts, says that we love you.

Blessing & dismissal

Exit music - Still by Gerrit Hofsink



Appreciation

We would like to thank all of our family for their help and support during this time.

We are very grateful for eveything you have done and continue to do for us.

Our beautiful baby Caleb was lucky to have such a wonderful family x

## Donations

If you wish to make any donations on behalf of Caleb Anthony, our chosen charities are; 4Louis, Remember My Baby and Aching Arms.

I will always love you baby boy, I hope you are safe now, I miss you so much.

I love you to the moon and back x