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J O S E P H G E O R G E B L A I N

19th May 1941 - 12th April 2023

Funeral Service - 3rd May at 10am

West Berkshire Crematorium, Thatcham, RG19 4LD

Introduction and Welcome by Rev'd Keri Eynon.

Reading - Death Is Nothing At All By Henry Scott-Holland.

Death is nothing at all, It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.
Everything remains exactly how it was. I am I, you are you,
And the only life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call be by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.
Life means all that it ever meant, it is the same as it ever was.
There is an absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,
Just around the corner.
All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

Reading - John 14-1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in god; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."
Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me."

Tribute - Suzanne Blain
Tribute - Jade Williams

The Lords 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.

Reflection
Hymn -

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me
Abide with me, abide with me.

Committal & Blessing

Leave to Radetzky March By Johann Strauss



Appreciation

The family would like to thank you all for your kind support during this time of sadness.

Refreshments will be served after the service at:

**Mercure Newbury West Grange Hotel,
Cox Lane
RG7 5UP**

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity Newbury Cancer Care or Thatcham Volunteer Bureau.