

A Service To Celebrate The Life
Of
DORA MASON
9th March 1931 - 12th November 2023

1.30pm Thursday 18th January 2023 St. Alphege Parish Church

&

3.00pm Robin Hood Crematorium Solihull

Service Led By Revd Simon Marshall

# **Music On Entry** Sheep May Safely Graze, J S Bach

# Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn

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, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
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,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.

#### Tribute To Dora

## Bible Reading - John 14.1-6 & 27

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

#### Address - Revd Simon Marshall

### Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

# Prayers

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.

## Hymn

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.

The sun that bids us rest is waking our brethren 'neath the western sky, and hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high.

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.

**Prayer of Commendation** 

Blessing

Music On Exit Nimrod, from the Enigma Variations, Edward Elgar

#### Robin Hood Crematorium

Music On Entry l Talk To The Trees - Loewe & Lerner

Introduction and Gathering Prayer

**Bible Reading** 

**Music For Reflection**John Dunbar Theme - John Barry

The Committal

The Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
(Luke 2.29-32)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shal be for ever. Amen

**Closing Prayer** 

The Blessing

Music On Exit
Climb Every Mountain - Rodgers & Hammerstein

### l'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now l'm free.

l'm following the path God has laid you see.

l took His hand when l heard him call, l turned my back and left it all.

l could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way, l found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh yes, these things l too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, l wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, l savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and peace to thee, God wanted me now; He set me free.

Anon



**Yew Tree Berries** 

#### 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 The Olton Golf Club, Mirfield Rd, Solihull B91 1JH



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