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*4th April 1949 – 22nd November 2023*

*1pm Tuesday 12th December 2023*

*Main Chapel, Eastbourne Crematorium*

## **Entrance**

### **The Impossible Dream, Andy Williams**

#### **Welcome and Prayer**

##### **Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
Gods recreation of the new day

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Cat Stevens

## **Tributes**

### **He Only Takes The Best**

God saw that he was getting tired,  
A cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around him  
and whispered, "Come with me"  
With tearful eyes,  
We watched him suffer,  
And saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay,  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes "the best"

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Reflection**

**If I Only Had Time. John Rowles**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commendation**

## **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.**

## **Committal and Blessings**

**Close**

**Oh Boy, Buddy Holly**

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## **Refreshments**

**Everyone is invited for light refreshments afterward at  
Friday Street Farm, 15 Friday Street, Eastbourne, BN23 8AP  
(In the upstairs Function Room)**

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**Service conducted by Rev Peter King**