

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by the Reverend Roger Walker

RECEPTION OF COFFIN

Music: Candle in the Wind (Elton John)

OPENING PRAYERS

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me,
the quite waters by.

My soul He doth restores again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou has furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forever more
my dwelling place shall be.

A TRIBUTE
TO
JOYCE ELIZABETH SMITH

READING

Death is Nothing At All

Canon Henry Scott-Holland (1847-1914)

Death is nothing at all. It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened.
Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you.
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way you always used to.
Put no difference into your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes 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 effect, without the ghost of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was,
There is 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!

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 and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMITTAL PRAYERS