



JEAN ALWYNNE HARRIS

22nd October, 1913 — 26th July, 1992

Tuesday, 4th August, 1992
2.00 p.m.
Tunbridge Wells Crematorium

ORDER OF SERVICE

SENTENCES

INTRODUCTION

We come together to-day to mourn the loss of a dear friend and fellow worker: to honour her memory and to give thanks for her life, work and teaching. We remember the gift of herself which she gave generously to all her colleagues and students. Her influence will be long remembered with gratitude and affection.

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 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.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
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.

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!

THE LESSONS

John, Chapter 14, verses 1 - 7
Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 4 - 9

COMMENDATION

PRAYERS

Almighty God with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity. We give Thee hearty thanks for the life of Jean, our sister, whom we commemorate this day, and we pray that we, with all those that have departed in the true faith of Thy Holy name may have perfect rest and bliss both in body and soul in Thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and to dwell in that house where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling but one equal light, no noise nor silence but one equal music, no fears nor hopes but one equal possession, no ends nor beginnings but one equal eternity in the habitation of your majesty and your glory world without end.

Amen.

A prayer of John Donne
(1571 - 1631)

O Lord support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life over and our work done. Then Lord, in Thy mercy grant us and those we love, safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

A Prayer of John Henry Newman
(1801 - 1890)

HYMN

Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! O how blest
They who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep—
Us thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath thy care,
Let us all thy goodness share.

Thine for ever! thou our guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

COMMITTAL

HYMN

God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in my eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end,
And at my departing.