

In Thanksgiving for the Life

of

Margaret Ann Lewis

(Known professionally as Dr. Margaret Small)

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SENTENCES

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

John 11:25,26

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38,39

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.

Job 19:25,26

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

WELCOME

The Revd Canon Edmund Newey

COLLECT

O eternal Lord God, who hold all souls in life:
we beseech you to shed forth upon your whole Church
in paradise and on earth
the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort;
and grant that we, following the good example
of those who have loved and served you here
and are now at rest,
may at the last enter with them
into the fullness of your unending joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, Thine own I would be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my High Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only first in my heart.
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, after victory won,
May I see heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

READING: Isaiah 58:6-12

Helen Small
(Marga's aunt)

READING: Job 29:11-16

Elaine Fulton

READING: Matthew 25:34b-40

Abigail Uden

TRIBUTE

Sandy and Sheila
(Marga's brother and sister)

ADDRESS

The Revd Dave Woods

MUSIC

Johann Sebastian Bach, Prelude to Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major
played by Ian Harkis

HYMN

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun.

PRAYERS

*The Revd Mary Pearson
The Revd Canon Edmund Newey*

Ending with:

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and 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 habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. **Amen.**

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

All creatures of our God and king,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him ...

And thou, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way has trod:
O praise him ...

Let all things their creator bless
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
O praise him ...

COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.



A retiring collection will be taken in aid of Médecins Sans Frontières

*A book of participation is at the west end of church and will be taken to
the reception afterwards.*

*After the service the family will attend the committal at Rainsbrook
Crematorium; all are warmly welcome to join them afterwards at
Dunchurch Baptist Church, Coventry Rd, Dunchurch, CV22 6RF
from 1:30pm*

Organist: Richard Dunster-Sigtermans

Only our love hath no decay;
This no tomorrow hath, nor yesterday,
Running it never runs from us away,
But truly keeps his first, last, everlasting day.

from The Anniversary, by John Donne

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God

Matthew 5:8

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