A service to celebrate the life of

David John Howard Penwarden



20 September 1932 – 8 February 2021

St Mary's Church, Iffley Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 11:30am

Service led by the Reverend Andrew McKearney

Opening Music

Kreisleriana, Op. 16, 4, sehr langsam, by R. Schumann Impromptu Op. 90 D. 899 No. 3 in G, by F Schubert

Entry Music

Jesu Joy Of Man's Desiring BMV 147 by J S Bach

The Welcome and Introduction

The Opening Prayer

Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and fall; we thank you for David, for the years you gave Him and the years we shared with Him: here on earth you gave Him length of days; grant to Him now we pray the grace of forgiveness and the gift of eternal life in your love; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn

sung by Helena Newsom organist Janet Low

- Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand: bread of heaven, bread of heaven feed me now and evermore feed me now and evermore.
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, strong deliverer be Thou still my strength and shield be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs and praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee I will ever give to Thee.

The First Tribute

given by Tony Brett – fellow Liberal Democrat

Psalm 122

All: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of judgement, The thrones of the house of David

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'

'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

The Second Tribute

given by Charles Penwarden - Son

'I'll See You In My Dreams'

by Joe Brown

Lonely days are long Twilight sings a song All the happiness that used to be

Soon my eyes will close Soon I'll find repose And in dreams, you're always near to me

I'll see you in my dreams Hold you in my dreams Someone took you out of my arms Still I feel the thrill of your charms

Lips that once were mine
Tender eyes that shine
They will light my way tonight
I'll see you in my dreams
Repeat

They will light my lonely way tonight I'll see you in my dreams

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

read by Sarah Levavasseur - Daughter

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Prayers and 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.

'Pie Jesu'

from Fauré's Requiem sung by Helena Newsom organist Janet Low

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem. Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest, everlasting rest.

The Commendation

Exit Music

'Air' from Water Music by G F Handel Organist Janet Low

We will now take David to Oxford Crematorium where the Committal will take place.

Music at the Crematorium

Nunc dimittis - Sigurdur Sævarsson

The Lark Ascending - Vaughan Williams



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