



A Service in Loving Memory of
Denise Ann Craney
29th July 1942 ~ 12th October 2024



St Andrew's Parish Church
Stapleford
Friday 15th November 2024
2.00pm

RECORDED MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J S Bach

Agnus Dei

Samuel Barber

Lacrimosa

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,
from Requiem Mass in D minor*

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sleep

Eric Whitacre

Miserere

Gregorio Allegri

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J S Bach

The Gathering

INTRODUCTION

HYMN

Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

All God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought
and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

TRIBUTES

During the tributes a recording of one of Denise's favourite pieces will be played

Nimrod Edward Elgar, from *Enigma Variations*

The Liturgy of the Word

READING

Death Is Nothing At All

Henry Scott-Holland
read by Romie Ridley

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
that, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.
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 trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
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.

HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me,

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Please remain standing

GOSPEL READING

John 14.1-6

read by Joan King

Blessed are those who die in the Lord
for they rest from their labour.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.



14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

This is the gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers will include the response

Lord in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

The prayers end with saying together

All **God of mercy,**

entrusting into your hands all that you have made

and rejoicing in our communion

with all your faithful people,

we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

May all who are called to a place at your table
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us
the hope of a glorious resurrection;
so that, although death comes to us all,
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us
in heaven.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,". The second staff starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, changes to 3/4 time, and includes a forte (*f*) dynamic; the lyrics are: "heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Ho - san-na in the high-est." The third staff returns to 4/4 time, with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic for the first part and a forte (*f*) dynamic for the second part; the lyrics are: "Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the". The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: "high - est." and ends with a double bar line.

Please sit

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All **dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise



THE LORD'S PRAYER

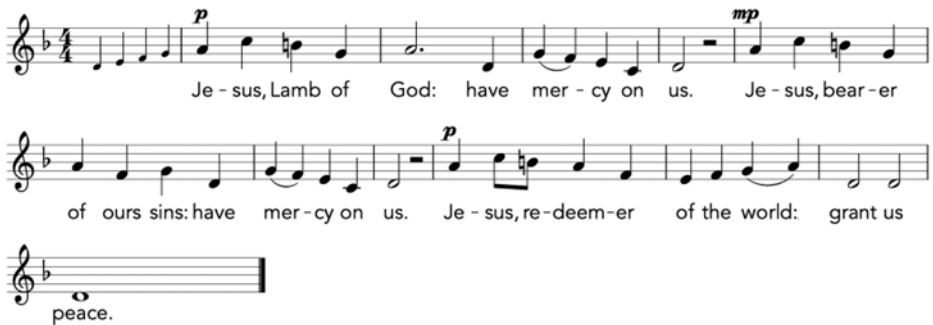
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
of ours sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: grant us
peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

HYMN

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

ANTHEM sung by the choir

God Be In My Head *Henry Walford Davies*

God be in my head,
and in my understanding;
God be in mine 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.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet:
grant that this sacrament may be to us
a comfort in affliction
and a pledge of our inheritance
in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

All Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN

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 till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and 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.

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 of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to thee,
I will ever sing to thee.

The Commendation & Farewell

The ministers stand by the coffin

Let us commend Denise to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory
and claiming his promises,
we entrust Denise to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive
and reigns with you,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

POEM

She Is Gone

David Harkins

read by Emmet Clancy

You can shed tears
that she is gone,
Or you can smile
because she has lived.

You can close your eyes
and pray that she will come back,
Or you can open your eyes
and see all that she has left.

Your heart can be empty
because you can't see her,
or you can be full
of the love that you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.

You can remember her
and only that she is gone,
or you can cherish her memory
and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back,
or you can do what she would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

BLESSING *sung by the choir*

The Lord Bless You and Keep You – *John Rutter*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light
of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*The committal will follow this service and will take place in
Stapleford Parish Cemetery. All are invited.*

The Committal

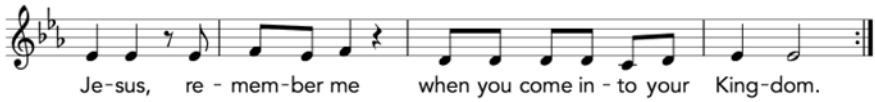
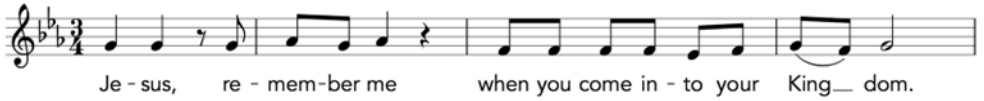
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great goodness.
As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind goes over it, it is gone
and its place will know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever
and ever toward those that fear him
and his righteousness upon their children's children.

All **Amen.**

We have entrusted our sister Denise to God's mercy,
and we now commit her body to the ground:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our frail bodies
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,
who died, was buried, and rose again for us.
To him be glory for ever.

All **Amen.**

Jesus, Remember Me



NUNC DIMITTIS

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
- 3 to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel

Luke 2.29-32

All **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.**

All **Heavenly Father,
we thank you for all those whom we love
but see no longer.
As we remember Denise in this place,
hold before us our beginning and our ending,
the dust from which we come
and the death to which we move,
with a firm hope in your eternal love
and purposes for us,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Service conducted by

Reverend Dr Simon Taylor
Reverend Canon John Pinder
Reverend Canon Chris Barber
Reverend Lucinda Howard

Organists and Choir

Tim Kwan & Brian Watkins

Flowers by

Jackie Nettleton and team

Thanks also to Tony Smith and the bell ringing team

The family would like to thank you for being here with them today and for all the messages of kindness and support. Keep Denise in your hearts, thoughts and prayers today and always.

After the service you are warmly invited to join them for refreshments in the reception room at
The George Inn
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