

A Service to Celebrate the life of



Geoffrey Howson

9th May 1931 - 1st November 2022

St Francis' Church, Valley Park
Thursday 24th November 2022 at 11.30am

followed by Committal
at Test Valley Crematorium at 2.30pm

Revd Dr Sarah McClelland

Order of service

Music while friends gather
Mozart - Piano Concerto No. 9 in E-flat major, K. 271

Processional music
Choral Song - S. S. Wesley

Welcome & Opening Prayers

Psalm 106: 1-5

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his
mercy endureth for ever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all his
praise?

Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at
all times.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy
people: O visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness
of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever

Amen.

Eulogy

Bible Reading:

Revelation 21:2-7 (KJV)

And I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Address

A Time for Reflection

Richard Strauss: Zueignung

Prayers

Response:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

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

Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;

lift up your eyes, and seek his face.

Life with its way before us lies;

Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

Commendation and Farewell.

Final Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Music

Hugo Wolf: Verborgenheit

Seclusion

Let, O world, O let me be!
Do not tempt with gifts of love,
Let this heart keep to itself
Its rapture, its pain!

I do not know why I grieve,
It is unknown sorrow;
Always through a veil of tears
I see the sun's beloved light.

Often, I am lost in thought,
And bright joy flashes
Through the oppressive gloom,
Bringing rapture to my breast.

Let, O world, O let me be!
Do not tempt with gifts of love,
Let this heart keep to itself
Its rapture, its pain!

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